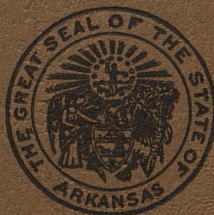


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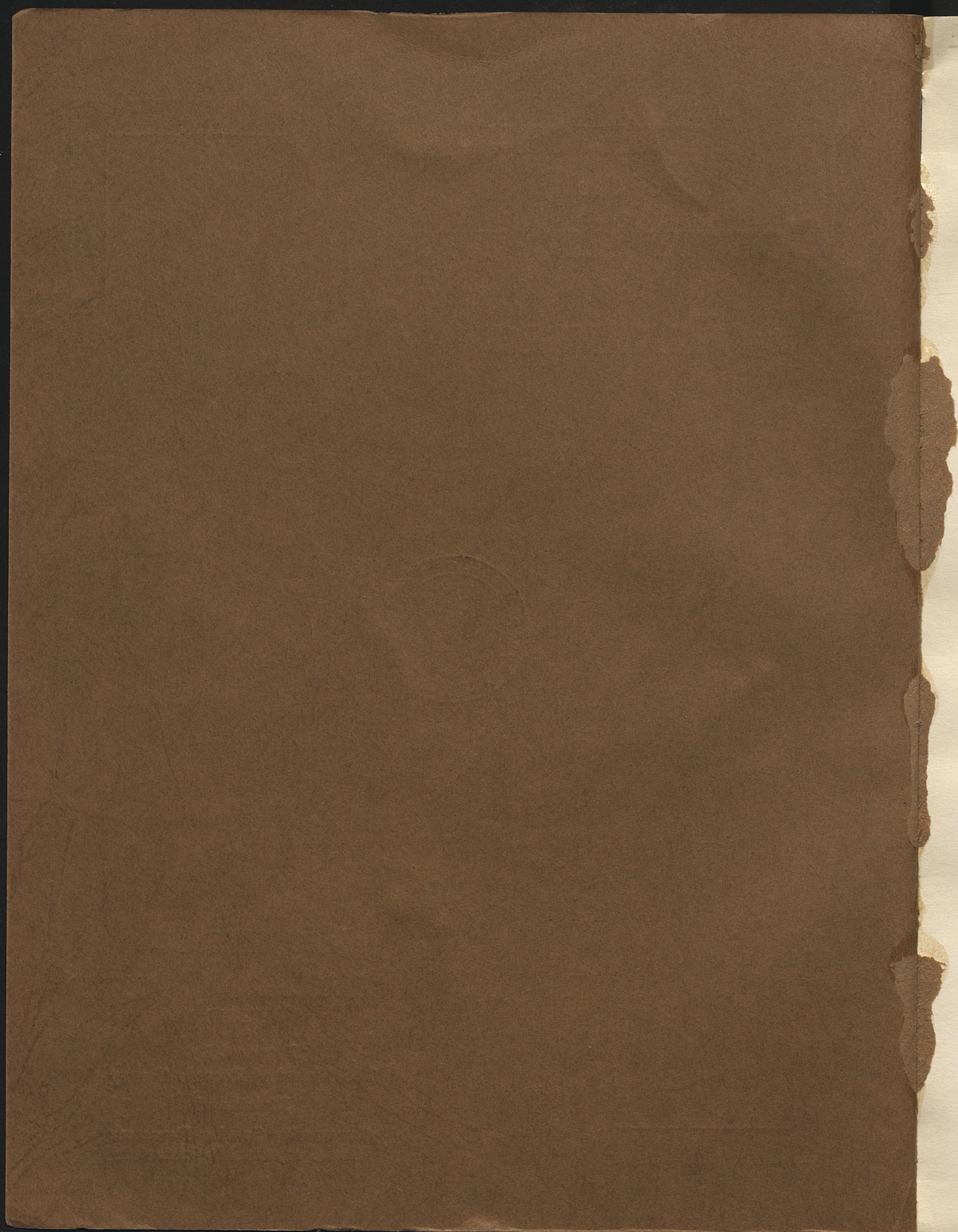
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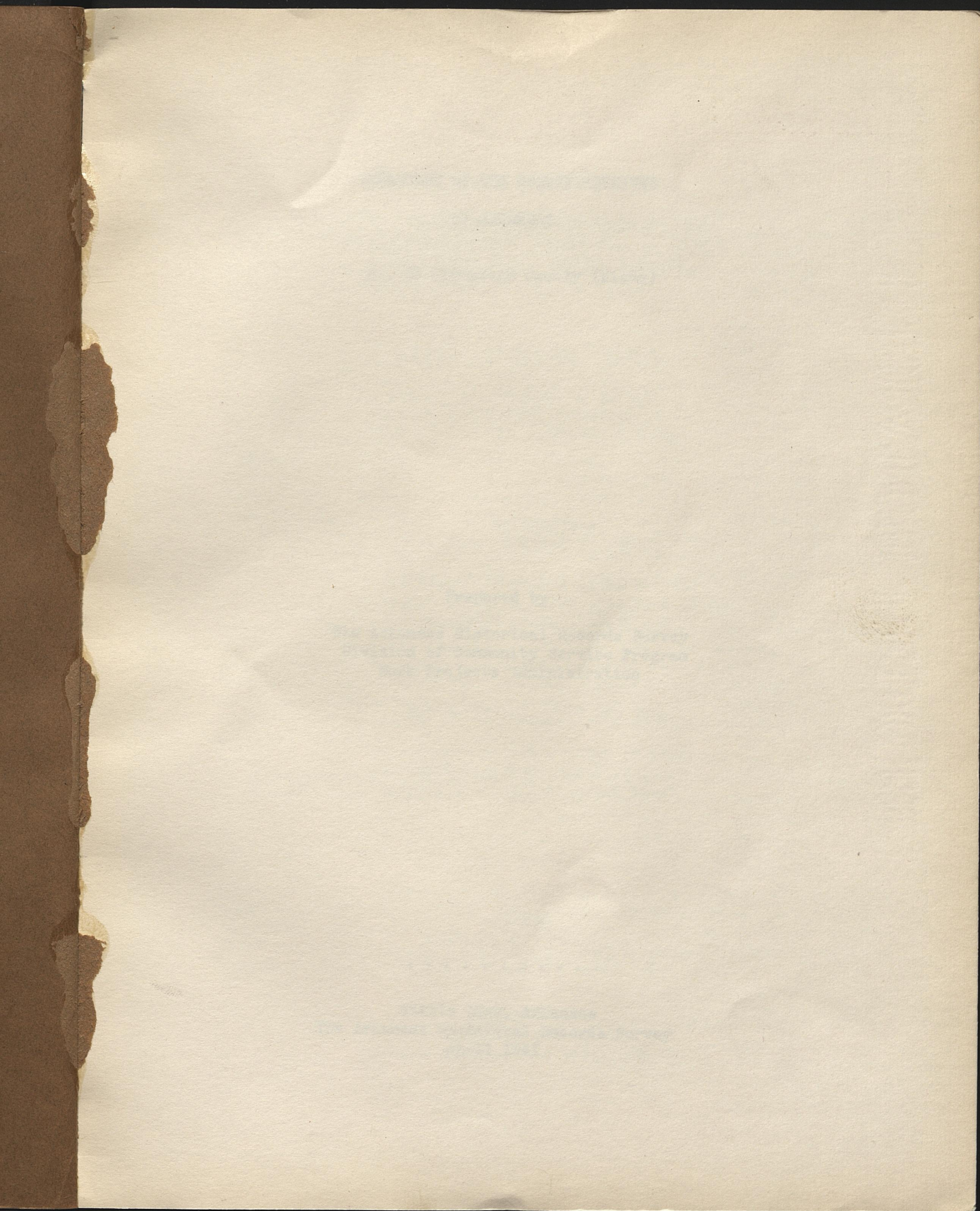
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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey Projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Cleveland County, is number 13 of the Arkansas series.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment for needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen, and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey projects attempt to do more than give merely a list of records -- they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey projects, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child. The survey operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was organized in Arkansas in March 1936 as a part of the Federal Writers' Project. In November of the same year the Survey became an independent unit of Federal Project No. 1 and functioned until September 1, 1939 under Federal sponsorship. The Arkansas unit, on September 5, 1939, became a State-wide, locally sponsored project, with Howard H. Jacoway as State Supervisor. Mr. Jacoway resigned on September 5, 1940 to become State Supervisor of the Research and Records Programs section, and was succeeded by Raymond Foster, who had served on the supervisory staff since December 5, 1938.

The Survey is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas and co-sponsored by the county judges of the State. It operates under the general rules applicable to those projects composing the Research and Records Program section of the Division of Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration, subject to technical and editorial supervision of the central office in Washington, D. C.

The chief objective of the project in Arkansas has been the publication of county inventories, but it is now engaged in making a survey of State, municipal, and church archives; early American imprints; manuscript depositories, and in preparing a check list of newspapers. A list of publications of the Survey will be found on the last page of this volume.

The Survey is also preparing a volume which will contain detailed discussions of the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Arkansas. The basic material for this volume will be assembled from the State's codes and constitutions, and from acts of the General Assembly of a general nature that have governed and are governing county offices. It is believed that the publication of this volume will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various county inventories. Accordingly, the office essays in the volume herewith presented and the essays in forthcoming county inventories are limited to the creation of the office; its present status; manner of selection and term of office, and the chief function of the office or agency. Pending issuance of the general volume on county government, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, No. 23, Faulkner County (Conway) for more detailed discussions than those found in this inventory.

This volume is divided into two parts. In the first part is an historical sketch of Cleveland County; a discussion of the governmental organization of the county; an essay on the housing and care of the records, and an explanation of the abbreviations and symbols used throughout the inventory. The second part of the volume contains essays on the county offices and a listing of the records of those offices. The arrangement by functions is as follows: 1) General administration; 2) recording; 3) administration of justice; 4) finance; 5) elections; 6) education; 7) health and welfare, and 8) miscellaneous functions. The records are segregated under subject headings, according to office of

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origin or final deposit, unless other classification of the records is directed by law. Under agencies, records have been classified, so far as possible, according to the subjects with which they deal. They are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location.

The inventory of the Cleveland County archives was begun December 8, 1939, and was finished in November 1940. Rachel Harrison was the field worker and she worked under the supervision of Col. Charles S. Garret, District Supervisor. A recheck of the records was made under the supervision of Thomas H. Pope, Jr., District Supervisor.

Work done in the State Office includes the editing of forms, writing of entries, historical and legal research, writing and editing of essays, and the publication of the volume. The historical sketch was written by Irene Thibault, the governmental organization essay by Maida Arnold. For the completeness and accuracy of the technical work, credit is due Albert A. Condray, forms editor; Mary H. Winburne, entries editor, and Virginia Farley, essay editor. The indexes were compiled by Carl E. Ott and publication of the volume was under the supervision of Evelyn Jones.

Mable S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories, in the central office, examined the volume in manuscript form and offered helpful editorial criticism. John C. L. Andreassen, Regional Supervisor of Historical Records Survey, the administrative personnel of Work Projects Administration, of Community Service Programs, and of the Research and Records Programs section, have, at all times, facilitated the work of the Survey by their friendly cooperation in all phases of the program.

The Survey's official sponsor; its State-wide Advisory Board, and the Community Advisory Board of Cleveland County each contributed valuable assistance to the project in the compilation and publication of this volume. Mr. Frank C. Chowning, a Little Rock attorney and former citizen of Cleveland County, assisted the editorial department in the research for the historical sketch. Other contributing agencies are: The Arkansas History Commission; the Arkansas Supreme Court Library; the Little Rock Public Library; the Library of the Secretary of State; the Arkansas Library Commission; Arkansas Writer's Project, WPA, and the county officials of Cleveland County.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, when completed, will consist of 76 volumes, one volume for each of the 75 counties and the volume on county government. The inventories are numbered according to an alphabetical list of the counties. Thus, the volume herewith presented, Cleveland County, is No. 13.

Former publications of the Survey have been distributed to State and local libraries; to a limited number of agencies outside the State, and to each county judge in Arkansas. Requests for information concern-

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ing any of the publications should be addressed to the State Supervisor,
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Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

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Explanatory Notes

Title of Records

Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid capitals and enclosed in parentheses. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial capitals and enclosed in parentheses, has been added. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated.

Dates

All dates used are inclusive. Missing records are indicated by broken dates.

Quantity

When two or more types of containers are considered in a single entry, the quantity is shown in chronological order, insofar as possible.

Labeling

Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other types of containers, indicate the labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

Discontinuance

Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, subsequent, or intermediate records, no definite information could be obtained.

Description of Records

The description of the contents of a record applies only to the current or most recent record unless change in contents is actually shown in a record entry.

Indexing

All indexes to records, unless otherwise stated, are self-contained.

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Condition of Records

Records are in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

Dimensions

Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and, therefore, the symbol for inches ("") has been omitted.

Location of Records

When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References

Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 120: "1911-24 in County Court Record, entry 12". They are also used in artificial entries which are set up to show records separately under the office of origin as in entry 7, to distinguish from each other two or more types of records that are kept together as in entry 111, or those set up for a record which is not kept separately but is found in two or more records, such as entry 39. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and the entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made as, for example, these words in entry 12: "Also contains: Juvenile court proceedings, 1911-24, entry 106." Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and See also references with subject headings or subheadings are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not parts of the same series.

Citations

A citation to an act of the Legislature of the Territory of Arkansas, or the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, or an act of a legislative body of another Territory or State, refer to the page number of the official publication of the laws.

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A citation to any other published volume is shown in full the first time used, and in short title form subsequently throughout the inventory.

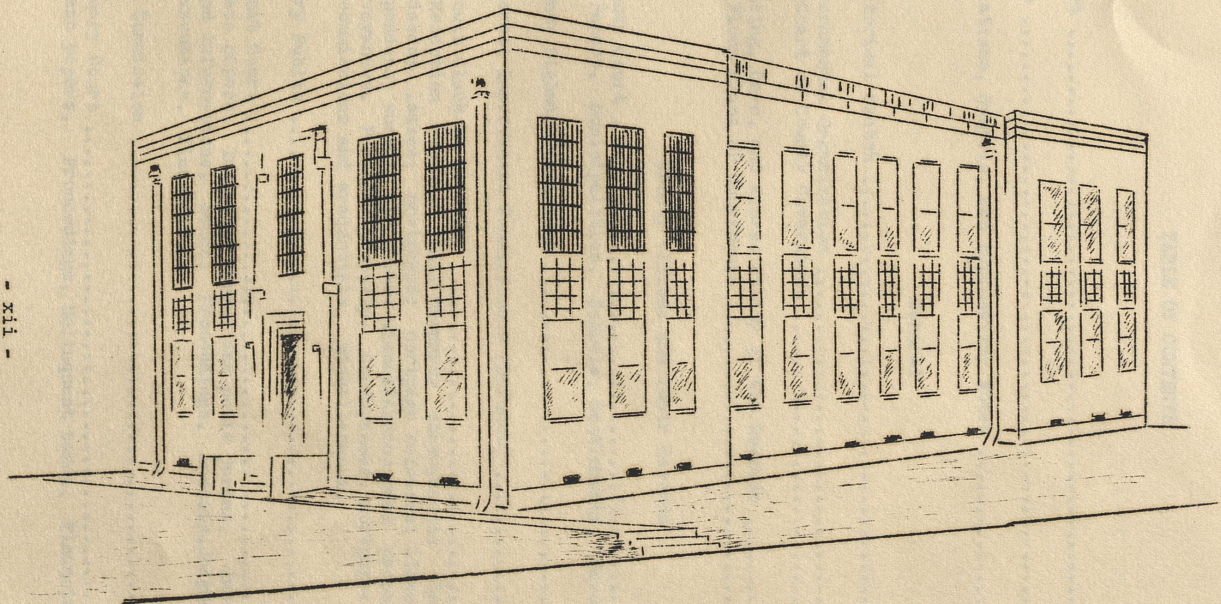
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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Physical Characteristics

Cleveland County lies in the well-timbered red land of south central Arkansas, near the edge of the west Gulf Coastal Plain, sloping eastward from the hills of the Ouachitas to the alluvial plains of the Mississippi Basin (1). It has an area of 603 square miles (2), bounded on the north by Dallas, Grant, and Jefferson Counties; on the east by Lincoln and Drew; on the south by Bradley, and on the west by Calhoun and Dallas (3).

The topography of the county is one of low relief, consisting for the most part of rolling hills, with an average elevation of 204 feet (4). The gentle undulation is broken by neither mountains, prairies, nor swamps, though along the Saline River the surface slopes to bottom land (5). The greatest elevation, 275 feet, is found in the north central part of the county, and from there the land slopes to 240 feet at Rison and 149 feet on the sandy beach at Poole, some 5 miles southwest of Rison (6).

The county is well-drained. The Saline River, one of the principal streams of the Ouachita Basin, follows a circuitous course through the county from northwest to southeast, emptying into the Ouachita River at the point where the Union, Bradley, and Ashley county lines meet. Its tortuous channel is marked by long, deep pools separated by shoals which are often heavily grown up in willows and other vegetation. Moro Creek, fed by numerous smaller creeks, forms most of the western boundary line of the county, and empties into the Ouachita near the southern tip of Calhoun County. (7)

The soils had their origin in the Cretaceous period in the form of

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| (1) Arkansas State Planning Board, <u>Arkansas Water Resources</u> , pp. 28, 85. | Manufactures and Agriculture, <u>Nineteenth Biennial Report . . . 1929 and 1930</u> , p. 166. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Arkansas Bureau of Mines, Biennial Report</u>). |
| (2) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I</u> , 103. (Hereinafter cited as, U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census, Population</u>). | (5) Simon P. Hughes, <u>Resources of Arkansas</u> , p. 61. |
| (3) Arkansas Geological Survey, <u>Topographic Map of the State of Arkansas</u> . | (6) Arkansas Geological Survey, <u>Elevations in Arkansas</u> , III, 60. |
| (4) Arkansas, Bureau of Mines, | (7) Arkansas State Planning Board, <u>Arkansas Water Resources</u> , p. 12. |

sandy and clayey marine deposits (8). Subsequent erosion in the Tertiary period produced the red lands which are characteristic of a large part of the county (9). Along the Saline and Moro valleys and in the eastern part are highly productive bottom lands. In the remaining two-thirds of the county are hilly lands with sandy and silt loams containing clay or underlaid by a clay soil. (10)

Pioneers in the region found heavy pine forests covering the hills in the coastal plain and vigorous growths of gum and oak in the bottoms (11). Much of this timber was removed by early settlers and mill owners; however, there are still great quantities of these trees in the county as well as hickory, walnut, elm, dogwood, and sassafras. The county now has 262,000 acres of privately owned forests. (12)

Cleveland County is so situated that it has a mild climate with ample rainfall and a long growing season. The average annual temperature at Rison is 63.5 degrees F., ranging during a period of 23 years from the extreme maximum of 115 degrees to 11 degrees below zero. (13) The rainfall is about 47 inches annually, averaging around 26 inches during the summer. The long growing season of 213 days, conditioned by relatively high summer temperatures and less summer rainfall than in some other areas of the State, is an important factor in the production of cotton and sweet potatoes. (14) Unusually healthful conditions prevail in the county with less malaria than is generally found in delta areas (15).

Historical Background

Two of the earliest pioneers who explored the red hills between the Saline and the Ouachita were John Harvie Marks II and his father-in-law,

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| <p>(8) University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, <u>Soils of Arkansas</u>, Bulletin No. 187, p. 11. (Hereinafter cited as University of Arkansas, <u>Soils of Arkansas</u>.)</p> <p>(9) Arkansas Geological Survey, Bulletin No. 2, <u>Oil and Gas Geology of the Gulf Coastal Plain in Arkansas</u>, 1935.</p> <p>(10) University of Arkansas, <u>Soils of Arkansas</u>, pp. 39, 51; map in appendix.</p> <p>(11) Arkansas State Planning Board, <u>Arkansas Water Resources</u>, p. 47.</p> <p>(12) Arkansas Forestry Commission,</p> | <p><u>Wooden Riches</u>, <u>Arkansas Forestry Facts</u>, pp. 13-16.</p> <p>(13) United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, <u>Climatic Summary of the United States</u>, p. 21.</p> <p>(14) University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating, Extension Service, <u>Types of Farming in Arkansas</u>, <u>Extension Circular No. 351</u>, p. 57.</p> <p>(15) Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, <u>Tabulation of Deaths from Malaria During 1938</u>. (mim. bul.)</p> |
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Nathaniel Barnett, who came into the Territory from Alabama in 1834. Marks was descended from a prominent family who had owned broad acres in Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama. (16) His great-grandfather, John Harvie of Albermarle County, Virginia, was an executor of the will of Peter Jefferson and guardian of Thomas Jefferson (17).

While in the employ of the United States Government as an assistant surveyor of territory south of the Arkansas River, John Harvie Marks was attracted by the pleasant rolling land that has since become Cleveland County and decided to make his home there (18). For himself and members of his family, he is said to have invested \$17,000, the price of his old homestead in Alabama, in land in the then Union County (19). Records for 1835 and 1836 show that Marks' first purchase for himself was 5,320 acres, for some of which he paid \$1.25 an acre (20). Relatives of his soon followed including the Barnetts, McGehees, Meriwethers, Hudsons, and Taliaferros, all of whom were closely linked with the development of south Arkansas. About 1844 came Dr. Thos. W. Chowming, a native of Lancaster County, Virginia, who married a daughter of Nathaniel Barnett. (21)

Most of the men of these families became owners of land and slaves, and as was the custom among southerners of their class, many of them eventually took up politics and law. Their names are found among the early office holders in Bradley, Lincoln, Cleveland, and Jefferson Counties as well as in the journals of the State Legislature. (22)

It is probable that the colonists came into Arkansas by way of the Ouachita River, landing near the old Ecore a Fabre Landing, the present site of Camden, and thence going east overland, a hazardous trip that was accomplished sometimes at the rate of only 4 miles a day (23). With the labor of slaves whom he brought into the Territory, Marks built near the later site of New Edinburg a large home of cypress logs, fastened with wooden pins, that stood for nearly 100 years. During the period

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| <p>(16) Marion DeWoody Pettigrew, ed., <u>Marks-Barnett Families and Their Kin</u>, pp. 3-42.</p> <p>(17) Rev. Edgar Woods, <u>History of Albermarle County, Virginia</u>, p. 224.</p> <p>(18) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u>, Nov. 26, 1933.</p> <p>(19) Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 42.</p> <p>(20) Arkansas, State Land Office, Tract Book, No. 87, pp. 67-95; <u>ibid.</u>, No. 88, pp. 121-128; <u>ibid.</u>, No. 89, pp. 176-180; <u>ibid.</u>, No. 90, p. 215.</p> | <p>(21) Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 229.</p> <p>(22) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, House Journal, 1852-53, p. 12; <u>ibid.</u>, 1873, p. 20; <u>ibid.</u>, 1861, p. 4; <u>ibid.</u>, 1923, p. 6; <u>ibid.</u>, 1925, p. 6; Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Senate Journal, 1929, p. 6; <u>ibid.</u>, 1931, p. 117; Arkansas, Secretary of State, Biennial Report . . . 1925-1926, pp. 375, 377.</p> <p>(23) <u>Camden News</u>, Centennial Edition June 15, 1936; Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 96.</p> |
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from 1835 to 1860, the Marks family bought thousands of acres in the river bottoms principally along Moro Creek, extending from Kingsland as far south as Moro Bay. (24) Nicholas V. Barnett, a lawyer of unusual ability, whose residence was used as the temporary courthouse, is said to have owned at one time 9,000 acres of land. (25)

The self-sustaining life on the plantation of John Harvie Marks II was typical of that on the larger plantations in this new land. Carpenters, millers, cabinet makers, as well as field hands, were attached to his place. Lumber, flour, and meal were produced not only for his own plantation, but also for other pioneers in this section. Later, artistic furniture was made of oak, cypress, maple, and black walnut; shoes for the household were made from leather tanned on the plantation, and a wide variety of vegetables and fruits was raised. Cotton, raised at first for home needs, later became an important commercial crop, and a large herd of sheep provided wool for home-spun clothing. (26)

In 1840 the land on which the Marks home was located became a part of the new county of Bradley (27). Marks donated 30 acres for the Bradley County seat (28) and served as one of the first associate justices of the county court of the new county. (29) In 1842 he represented this county in the 4th Legislature. (30) Hastings Marks, a brother, was the first county treasurer of Bradley County. (31)

During the Civil War, two companies were recruited in this section for Confederate service. Capt. Ben Taliaferro commanded one company, joined later to the Second Arkansas Infantry; and Capt. E. L. McMurtrey the other, which was attached to the Second Arkansas Cavalry. (32) On April 25, 1864 one of the important engagements of south Arkansas, known as the Battle of Marks' Mill, was fought on the Marks' plantation. A Federal wagon-train returning to Pine Bluff for supplies under a guard of about 2,000 men was surprised and routed by Confederate cavalry forces of Gen. James F. Fagan. General Fagan estimated that about 300 Federal wagons were captured, 500 Federals killed, and 1,300 taken prisoners. (33) In his official report of the battle, Federal Gen. Powell

(24) Arkansas, State Land Office, Tract Book, 86, pp. 14, 33; ibid., 87, pp. 87-96; ibid., 88, pp. 121-128; ibid., 89, pp. 176-180; ibid., 90, p. 215.

(25) Pettigrew, op. cit., p. 229.

(26) Arkansas Gazette, Nov. 26, 1933.

(27) A. Ark., 1840, p. 29.

(28) David Y. Thomas, Arkansas and Its People, II, 669.

(29) Bradley County Court Record, vol. I, p. 1.

(30) Journals of the House, 1842-43, p. 3.

(31) Arkansas, Secretary of the State's Office, Civil Record, Bradley County, 1836-64, p. 17.

(32) W. A. Goodspeed, History of Southern Arkansas, p. 592.

(33) David Y. Thomas, Arkansas In War and Reconstruction, p. 266.

Clayton stated that in a severe fight lasting 3 hours the entire train was captured with the exception of a portion of the cavalry. (34) Following the battle, the Marks home became a temporary hospital for wounded soldiers from both sides. In order to escape the disturbances and dangers incident to the passage of both armies, some of the planters moved into Union County and even into Texas where they rented farms and raised crops until the end of the war. (35)

Since 1873 the Marks plantation has been in Cleveland County (36) and John Harvie Marks is claimed as a pioneer of the county. Many members of this large family connection have removed to other parts of the State, but for the last 56 years there has been an annual reunion of the descendants of Hastings and John Harvie Marks (37).

Other pioneers who came into the county at an early date included William Mosely, M. J. Harrison, Joseph Gray, and Dr. C. A. Stanfield, a prominent pioneer physician (38).

Creation

Cleveland County was created in 1873 (39) during the surge of activity near the end of the Reconstruction era when county lines were drawn for nine new counties. The dominance of Republican influence, shown in the naming of several of these counties, caused the county to be christened Dorsey in honor of Stephen W. Dorsey, a Republican senator, who entered Congress in that year. (40) On March 5, 1885, it was renamed by an act of the General Assembly in honor of Grover Cleveland, who had just been elected President of the United States (41). By provision of the organic act, portions of the counties of Lincoln, Jefferson, Dallas, and Bradley were integrated in the new county (42).

Organization and Development of the County

The county government was organized under a board of supervisors, composed of Joseph Gray, who served as president the first year, James H. Bridges, and James R. McCulloch. Serving with the board were the following officers: Treasurer, M. T. McGehee; sheriff, Stephen W. McLeod; clerk, John Fawcett; surveyor, James N. Marks; assessor, C. B. Attwood; deputy clerk, Wm. L. Frazee; constable, Jesse Harrison, and

(34) Robert N. Scott, Third U. S. Artillery, The War of the Rebellion . . . p. 665.

(35) Pettigrew, op. cit., pp. 94, 104.

(36) A. Ark., 1873, p. 134.

(37) Pettigrew, op. cit., pp. 64, 74.

(38) Goodspeed, op. cit., p. 506.

(39) A. Ark., 1873, p. 134.

(40) Dallas T. Herndon, Centennial History of Arkansas, I, 603, Arkansas, Secretary of State, Biennial Report . . . 1925-26, p. 634.

(41) Herndon, op. cit., p. 743; A. Ark., 1885, p. 41.

(42) A. Ark., 1873, p. 134.

coroner, E. Hobson. (43) The first officers to serve in 1874 under the re-established county court system were the following: John Fawcett, judge; E. P. Marks, clerk; Ed. Kendall, sheriff; Stephen Johnson, treasurer; Wm. Cash, coroner; J. N. Marks, surveyor, and C. B. Attwood, assessor (44).

Among the first official acts of the board of supervisors was the assessment of taxes as follows: For the State, 10 mills for general expense and $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills for interest on the State debt; for the county, 5 mills for general purposes, 1 mill for bridges, 1 mill for support of the poor, 1 mill for public buildings and repairing, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills, special tax, for building a schoolhouse. From the tax for the poor, generally known as the "pauper tax," a fund was derived to care for the comparatively few paupers, or "unemployables." At that time, the sum of \$4 a month was allowed for a person certified by a physician as being in need and unable to work. (45)

The board divided the county into 8 political townships as follows: Red Land, Lee, Saline, White Oak, Whiteville, Smith, Miller, and Harper (46). By 1890 Bowman, Hurricane, Prairie, Niven, and Tisdale townships were added (47). The 1930 census listed 15 townships. Prairie and Tisdale were dropped, and Hudgin, Jackson, Kingsland, and Rison were added. (48)

The first meeting of the board of supervisors was held on May 17, 1873 at Pleasant Ridge, but upon donation by V. M. McGehee of sufficient land for the essential county buildings, the board officially declared that site to be the seat of justice and named it Toledo. A temporary courthouse was established in a house situated near Toledo which the board rented from Nicholas V. Barnett. Later in the year, the board was petitioned to remove the courthouse and accordingly it ordered that an election be held on December 15, 1873 to decide the matter. The decision was for removal. W. B. Marks and Morgan Brown, commissioners appointed to select a new site for the courthouse, reported on May 25, 1874, the purchase from Judge M. T. McGehee of about 160 acres, including a two-story frame dwelling and all immovable property for \$6,000, payable in sums of \$2,000 annually. For a number of years Judge McGehee and his family had been large landowners, holding thousands of acres in the present Bradley, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties. (49) The

(43) County Court Record, vol. A, p. 3, see entry 12.

(44) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Civil Record, 1873, p. 219.

(45) County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 3-10, see entry 12.

(46) Ibid.

(47) Goodspeed, op. cit., p. 593.

(48) U. S. Bureau of the Census,

Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 107.

(49) Bradley County, Sheriff's receipt, 1853; ibid., Sheriff's receipt, 1855; ibid., Sheriff's receipt, 1856; Jefferson County, Sheriff's receipt, 1859. Receipts in Circuit Clerk's Office, Cleveland County Courthouse.

board approved of the purchase of Judge McGehee's home and decided to use it for the permanent courthouse (50). The dwelling was remodeled to provide offices for the county officials on the first floor and a courtroom on the second. The jail was a small frame building, constructed near the courthouse. (51) In 1939, this site was dedicated with a marker which reads: "First Permanent Courthouse, County Seat of Cleveland County, established in 1873 at Toledo" (52).

On March 9, 1889, after about 12 years of service, the courthouse at Toledo and a number of the records were destroyed by fire. At once there was considerable agitation for the removal of the county seat to a more desirable location. Kingsland and Rison, railroad towns, located respectively in the central and north central parts of the county, and New Edinburg in the southern part of the county were each proposed for the county seat. At an election held in June to decide the matter, the vote was indecisive. At a second election on August 17, 1889, Rison received a plurality of seven votes over Kingsland. The petitioners for Kingsland contested the election successfully before the county court, but appeals to the circuit court (53) and to the Arkansas State Supreme Court resulted in a decision delivered on April 11, 1891 for Rison (54).

County offices and records were accordingly moved to Rison where they were housed in a building on grounds owned by the county until a courthouse could be constructed. In 1892 a frame courthouse was built at an approximate cost of \$8,000 which served the county for 19 years. (55)

The present courthouse, a two-story brick building surmounted by a town clock, was built in 1911. In 1940 the county completed an additional county building, a brick veneer structure of two stories, erected with WPA labor at a cost of \$66,000. The building houses the jail and contains offices for some of the recently established agencies such as Farm Security Administration, Arkansas Agricultural Association, and Work Projects Administration. (56) A \$17,000 bond issue was voted by the county to cover its share of the cost (57).

Population

The early settlers of Cleveland County were descended almost entirely from colonists of the southern states who migrated westward for

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| (50) County Court Record, vol. A, p. 6, <u>see</u> entry 12. | Ark. 409-414 |
| (51) Goodspeed, <u>op. cit.</u> , p. 592. | (55) Goodspeed, <u>op. cit.</u> , p. 592. |
| (52) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , July 28, 1939. | (56) See "Housing, Care and Accessibility of the Records," p. 20. |
| (53) Goodspeed, <u>op. cit.</u> , pp. 592-639. | (57) <u>Arkansas Democrat</u> , June 6, 1940. |
| (54) <u>Rucks v. Renfrow</u> , (1891) 54 | |

the purpose of obtaining new land for cotton, either because the soil was wearing thin in the older states or because the planter could often sell his old land for \$50 an acre and buy new land at \$1.00 or less an acre. In many cases migrants in quest of adventure or a freer life on the frontier drifted west along the lines of latitude, but a few of the younger sons of wealthy planters in Virginia established homes first in Georgia and Alabama from which their descendants came to Arkansas. (58) These young men often brought two or three slaves with them as body servants; families coming later brought household slaves (59). In 1838 in a total population of 1,615 in Union County, which then embraced Bradley and a portion of Cleveland County, there were 564 slaves, owned by the propertied minority of the settlers (60).

The census of 1880, the first taken after the creation of the county, shows 6,041 white people in the county and 2,329 Negroes (61). The population increased with the productiveness of land and the expanding of the lumber industry up to 1910 when it reached 12,481, the highest figure yet attained. In 1930 there were 12,744 people (62), all of whom were classified as rural (63). About 73 percent of the inhabitants were white, 27 percent Negro, and 0.1 percent foreign born (64). The population for 1940 is 12,570 (65).

Religion

The early settlers of Cleveland County were predominantly of the Methodist faith (66). The census of 1850 for Bradley County, in which many of these settlers lived, gave 8 Methodist churches valued at \$2,000 and 4 Baptist churches valued at \$500 (67). In the census of 1870 the Methodists were still leading in the number of churches (68).

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| (58) Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u> , p. 274. | (64) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census, Population, III, Part 1, 177, 184.</u> |
| (59) <u>Ibid.</u> , p. 57. | (65) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , February 9, 1941. |
| (60) <u>Arkansas</u> , Secretary of State's Office, Senate Journal, 1838, p. 4 in appendix. | (66) Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u> , pp. 17, 89, 106. |
| (61) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Population, Part 1, p. 530.</u> | (67) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Embracing a Statistical View of Each of the States and Territories . . . p. 561.</u> |
| (62) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 103.</u> | (68) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, The Statistics of the Population of the United States, p. 529.</u> |
| (63) U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Population Bulletin, Families, Arkansas, p. 20.</u> | |

The members of the Baptist Faith, however, have increased and at the religious census of 1926, there were in the county 1,319 members of the American Baptist Association, 264 Southern Baptists, and 1,224 Methodists. Most of the other leading denominations were represented with smaller memberships. (69)

Transportation

In pre-county days, the better roads were cut through the dense forests by the settlers and maintained for their convenience. The first of these roads was cut from Marks' Mill to Moro Landing, connecting the early land holdings along Moro Creek. Another connected two chief trade centers of this district, Pine Bluff and Warren. (70) When the county was organized, the roads were built and maintained under the direction of an overseer by men of the county, or their hired substitutes (71).

At present the responsibility for maintaining the highways is in the hands of a State Highway Commission (72) and a county highway commission (73). In 1937-38, there were 949 motor vehicles of all types in use in the county (74).

The county is crossed today by U. S. Highway No. 79 which passes through Rison and Kingsland. Rison is also traversed by State Highway No. 35 which crosses the county from northeast to southwest. State Highway No. 15 extends north and south through the eastern part of the county. Kingsland is served by State Highway No. 8. U. S. Highway No. 167 passes through the extreme western part of the county. (75) In 1936 State highways in the county totaled 98.2 miles; the county roads, 405 miles (76).

Before the building of railroads, it was the custom to make river shipments on the Ouachita River from the El Dorado landing. The Saline River was used only on exceptional occasions by small steamboats. (77)

The first railroad entered the county when the Cotton Belt was extended from Pine Bluff to Texarkana in 1882. The railroad company, then known as the Texas and St. Louis Railway, was reorganized in 1886 under

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| (69) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Religious Bodies</u> , 1926, I, 42, 580. | 1938, p. 20. |
| (70) Pettigrew, <u>op. cit.</u> , pp. 66, 229. | (75) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Official Highway Service Map</u> , 1937. |
| (71) A. Ark., 1871, p. 56. | (76) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Twelfth Biennial Report . . . 1935-1936</u> , pp. 47, 50. |
| (72) A. Ark., 1929, I, 267. | (77) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , November 26, 1933. |
| (73) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1939, p. 712. | |
| (74) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Analyses of Motor Vehicle Registrations</u> , 1937- | |

the name St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railway Company. The present name, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, was adopted in 1891; however, since the railroad traverses the cotton belt of the State it is generally referred to as the Cotton Belt. (78) In 1935 the railroad mileage was 21.6 miles (79).

Education

There were few schools, either public or private, in this section of the State in early days and the young people often traveled some distance for their schooling. Mrs. Mary A. E. Pickett, a resident of Cleveland County, wrote of having attended a school in Chambersville, Calhoun County, and the Collegiate Institute in Camden. (80) These schools were doubtless the Chambersville Male and Female Academy (81) and the Ouachita Conference Female College (82), both of which were incorporated about this time. At 13 years of age, however, her formal education was ended because of the Civil War.

On April 29, 1873, about 2 weeks after the county was created, a county superintendent replaced the circuit superintendent (83). At that time, however, the public educational system had to face an antagonistic public sentiment that rejected free education as charity. There were 10 heavily indebted school districts in the county in 1873, and while this condition represented an improvement over the entirely fallow Civil War period, it served mainly as a challenge to the State Department of Education. The common school law of 1873 authorized the school districts to levy a tax to support a school for 3 months or more, but so great was the disrepute of the common schools that a "special tax" was seldom or never voted in any of the districts. (84) For a few years during the 70's there was an academy at Toledo which is mentioned in a petition submitted in 1879 for the incorporation of Toledo. "There is situated within the limits of the proposed incorporation a large and flourishing academy in which the whole community has a deep and permanent interest," the petition reads. (85)

Because of the changing public sentiment, by 1882 most of the 31

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- (78) St. Louis Southwestern Railway Lines, Traffic Department, Letter from A. C. McKibbin, Director of Public Relations to Arkansas Writers' Project, September 13, 1938.
- (79) Arkansas State Highway Commission, Twelfth Biennial Report . . . 1935-36, p. 48.
- (80) Pettigrew, op. cit., p. 91.

- (81) A. Ark., 1858-59, p. 145.
- (82) A. Ark., 1856-57, p. 53.
- (83) A. Ark., 1873, p. 392.
- (84) Arkansas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Report . . . 1882, p. 100. (Hereinafter cited as Arkansas Superintendent Public Instruction, Report . . . 1882).
- (85) Deed Record, vol. 5, p. 45, see entry 20-21

school districts voted a special school tax. (86) Educational statistics for a number of years, however, were based upon the deficient reports submitted by school trustees who contributed their services to the community, and the county examiners who succeeded the county superintendents. In 1891 there were 41 school districts, a number indicating at that time a growing school system. Twenty-seven of these sent in reports, showing 47 teachers, 34 white and 13 Negro, who taught an average term of 4 months. The average monthly salary for a white male teacher with a first grade certificate was \$36.58. The county school revenue was derived from a general State tax of 2 mills authorized by the Constitution, a maximum local tax of 5 mills, the levying of which was optional with the school districts, and a poll tax which remained in the county. By that time free schools were "steadily growing . . . in public favor," according to the report of the State Superintendent, Josiah H. Shinn. (87)

By 1910 a higher standard of training was required for the teachers (88), the percentage of enrollment had increased and the most pressing problem of the day was the building up of an adequate high school system. A comparison of the educational statistics compiled between 1910 and 1937 shows that while there was only a slight increase in the number of pupils the term was more than doubled. The length of the school term in 1937-38 was about 8 months for white children and 7 months for Negroes. The salary had increased in 1938 to about \$64 a month. The number of school districts was reduced during these years in accordance with the policy of consolidation by which centrally located schools did the work of several one-room country schools. Although the curriculum had been enlarged, fewer teachers were needed proportionately under the new system. (89) In 1938, 22 school busses provided free transportation to and from school (90).

The trend is now towards an organization of the schools on a county unit basis with the whole county as one district (91). The amount of the school revenue has been increased through the adoption of a Constitutional amendment in 1926, raising the State tax levy to 3 mills and

(86) Arkansas Superintendent, Public Instruction Report . . . 1882, p. 100.

(87) Arkansas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Biennial Report . . . 1891-1892, pp. 26, 28, 64, 54, 7.

(88) A. Ark., 1903, p. 86.

(89) Arkansas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Twenty-first Biennial Report . . . 1909-1910, pp. 14, 17, 154; Arkansas, State Board

of Education and State Commissioner of Education, Biennial Report . . . 1936-1937 and 1937-1938, pp. 103, 112, 120.

(90) Arkansas State Highway Commission, Analyses of Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1937-1938, p. 43.

(91) Arkansas, State Department of Education, Educational Survey of Cleveland County . . . p. 25.

the local levy to 18 mills (92).

The revenue in 1940 was obtained in part from property in the county assessed at \$1,924,380 (93). The poll tax, as a requisite for voting, continues to be a part of the school fund of the county where it is assessed (94). The number of poll tax receipts in 1939 was 1,570, about two-thirds less than in the election year, 1938 (95).

Economic Resources

The rich growths of pine and hardwood have always supplied part of the industrial income. As early as 1840, the lumber produced here was of greater value than in any other section of the State. (96) The census of 1880 reported 12 manufacturing establishments, which were doubtless sawmills, employing 21 men who were paid the total wage of \$2,105 a year. The value of the products was \$28,300. (97) By 1900 the number of manufactories had increased to 34 with 552 men employed, and the output was valued at \$683,406 (98). For several years thereafter sawmills hummed busily. So abundant were the forests that only flawless timber was used. Sawmill towns such as Draughton, Clio, and Cabool flourished for a time and then disappeared, leaving only chimneys to mark their sites. When the best timber was exhausted, the sawmill companies moved on, leaving a cut-over waste land. But the county still has rich timber resources of more value, perhaps, than any other natural asset. (99)

There are several good clays in the county available for such uses as pottery, fire bricks, and sewer pipes. Pressed brick is now being made at Kingsland. (100)

From 1927 to 1935 Cleveland County marketed sand and gravel to the

(92) Const. 1874, amend. XI.

(93) Arkansas Gazette, January 12, 1941.

(94) Const. 1874, amend. XI; Arkansas, State Department of Education, School Laws of Arkansas, 1937, p. 92.

(95) Arkansas Gazette, October 10, 1940.

(96) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Compendium . . . of the Sixth Census . . . 1840, p. 322.

(97) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Manufactures, p. 90.

(98) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Statistics of Manufactures, VIII, Part 2, p. 26.

(99) Information furnished by F. C. Chowning, Little Rock, Arkansas. Notes in files of Historical Records Survey, Little Rock, Arkansas; Arkansas State Planning Board, Arkansas Water Resources, p. 42.

(100) U. S. Geological Survey, Bulletin 351, The Clays of Arkansas, p. 54.

total valuation of \$189,893.34 (101). In 1939 about 12,000 cubic yards of gravel were produced, valued at about \$9,232 (102).

Agriculture

Agriculture has always been the chief source of income. In 1885 the agricultural situation was summarized as follows: "Cotton and corn are staple crops. Some tobacco, sorghum, peas, potatoes, etc. are raised . . . Apples, peaches, plums grow abundantly . . . Little attention has yet been paid to stock raising." (103)

The census 5 years later indicated a good production in most of these crops. Corn was the leading crop in the county as well as throughout the State: 238,200 bushels were raised in Cleveland County in that year (104), over twice the amount raised in 1935 (105). Cotton was produced in the amount of 9,018 bales, a yield of about 202 pounds per acre (106). The peach crop was nearly two-thirds greater than that of 1935, a crop of 20,414 bushels having been gathered that year (107). Dairying was apparently neglected for the production of corn and cotton (108).

In 1910 when the population was greatest, agricultural production reached a high point. The total value of the land, including buildings and improvements, was \$2,965,694. More corn, cotton, apples, and peaches were produced than in 1935. The cotton production was 5,598 bales, about 145 pounds to the acre. (109) Since 1910 increasing efforts

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| (101) Arkansas Geological Survey, Information Circular 9, <u>Mineral Production Statistics of Arkansas for the Period, 1880-1935</u> , p. 35. | <u>Agriculture: 1935, Arkansas, Statistics by Counties, First Series</u> , p. 22. (Hereinafter cited as U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Statistics by Counties, 1935 First Series</u> .) |
| (102) <u>Ibid.</u> , Supplementary Report, 1941, in files of Arkansas Geological Survey, Little Rock, Arkansas. | (106) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Eleventh Census, Agriculture</u> , p. 303. |
| (103) Hughes, <u>op. cit.</u> , p. 61. | (107) <u>Ibid.</u> , p. 501; U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Statistics by Counties, 1935, First Series</u> , p. 23. |
| (104) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Department of the Interior, <u>Report of the Statistics of Agriculture in the United States, Eleventh Census, 1890</u> , pp. 13, 357. (Hereinafter cited as U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Eleventh Census, Agriculture</u> .) | (108) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Eleventh Census, Agriculture</u> , p. 277. |
| (105) U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, <u>United States Census of</u> | (109) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Thirteenth Census, 1910, Supplement for Arkansas, Abstract, Statistics of Agriculture</u> , pp. 632, 648. |

have been made to curb indiscriminate planting and to check soil erosion by the application of scientific principles to crop production. An agricultural agent has directed this program since 1915. (110)

In 1935 about 46 percent of the total area, or 178,567 acres of the 385,920 acres in the county, was in farms. Of the farm lands, less than one-third, or 54,059 acres, was harvested. (111) This crop land produced 102,406 bushels of corn, harvested for grain; 5,066 bales of cotton on 22,382 acres; 42,071 bushels of sweet potatoes, 32,858 bushels of Irish potatoes (112), and 12,924 bushels of peaches (113). The value of the farms, including lands and buildings was \$1,906,152 (114).

The county lies in a district that has reached first place in the State in the production of sweet potatoes and second in the production of Irish potatoes (115). In the 1939 report of the Department of Agriculture, district 8, which includes Cleveland County, had about 20 percent of its crop acreage planted in sweet potatoes, 11 percent in corn, and 9 percent in cotton. Other crops in order of percentage of total acreage harvested were Irish potatoes, oats, sorghum, and tame and wild hay. (116) Cotton production was 8,650 bales from 23,145 acres (117).

(110) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078.

(111) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Statistics by Counties, 1935, First Series, p. 7.

(112) Ibid., p. 22.

(113) Ibid., Second Series, p. 23.

(114) Ibid., First Series, p. 7.

(115) University of Arkansas, U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating, Types of Farming in Arkansas, Extension Circular No. 351, p. 60.

(116) U. S. Department of Agriculture and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, Annual Report, Arkansas Crops and Livestock, 1939, p. 4.

(117) United States Department of Agriculture and Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station . . . Arkansas Cotton . . . 1928-1939, by Counties, p. 13.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The county is a political subdivision of the State, created and existing as an agent for the State in matters of taxation, the administration of justice and law enforcement, and to discharge some functions of local self-government. (1)

The county, through the county judge, exercises jurisdiction in the management of county-owned real and personal property; in the construction, repair, and maintenance of public buildings, roads and bridges; the levying, and collecting of taxes; the appropriation of funds to meet county expenses; and the care of the poor, persons of unsound mind, minors, and orphans, as well as other matters of local concern (2). The county supports and maintains prisoners and may support other public charges (3), and also may contract for the services of prisoners (4).

The county maintains a record of instruments conveying title to or imposing liens upon real and personal property (5).

The judicial power is vested in the circuit, chancery, probate, county, and justice of the peace courts (6). The Arkansas State Supreme Court has appellate and supervisory jurisdiction over all the lower courts (7). The circuit court has jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases where exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in some other court. It has appellate jurisdiction and supervisory control over the county courts, and justice of the peace courts. (8) The chancery court is vested with exclusive original jurisdiction in all equity matters (9). Jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons, and the persons and estates of minors and incompetents is exercised by the probate court (10). A justice of the peace court has original jurisdiction in all matters of contract or damage to personal property where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$100, exclusive of interest. In criminal cases the justice of the peace sits as an examining court and may commit, discharge, or recognize offenders to the court having jurisdiction, for trial. (11) Juvenile courts were established in 1911 for the benefit and protection of dependent and delinquent children (12).

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- (1) Eagle et al v. Beard et al, [1878], 33, Ark. 501.
 - (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1851, p. 99; ibid., 1923, p. 249.
 - (4) Ibid., 1939, p. 273.
 - (5) Rev. Stat., p. 654; A. Ark., 1887, p. 143, ibid., 1921, p. 574.

- (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.
- (7) Ibid., sec. 4.
- (8) Ibid., secs. 11, 14.
- (9) A. Ark., 1899, p. 29.
- (10) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 34.
- (11) Ibid., sec. 40.
- (12) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167; Underwood v. Farrell, [1927], 175, Ark. 219.

An investigation of criminal cases and the official conduct and records of public officials and institutions may be conducted by the grand jury which may return indictments and recommend reforms, providing such are in compliance with existing laws (13). Inquests to establish the cause of violent deaths may be conducted by the coroner (14). After an indictment has been returned by the grand jury (15), or information filed by the prosecuting attorney (16), the accused is brought to trial before a petit or trial jury (17). The right of trial by jury may be demanded or waived (18).

The county relies upon the prosecuting attorney and his assistants to represent it in legal matters both criminal and civil in nature (19).

In the matter of law enforcement, the county, through the sheriff, coroner and constables, may apprehend alleged malefactors, and serve warrants, writs, and other processes upon persons residing or found within its boundaries (20). A person under arrest is placed in the custody of the sheriff who may release him under bond, providing the offense charged is bailable (21). A defendant, upon having been found guilty of a crime by a court of competent jurisdiction, is again placed in the custody of the sheriff who is responsible for the execution of the sentence (22).

The chief revenue of the county government is derived from the ad valorem tax (23), fees charged for the filing and recording of instruments (24), and the issuance of licenses (25). Other revenue is derived from a share of the gasoline tax (26), a per capita road tax (27), and an excise tax on marketed natural resources produced within the county (28).

The real and personal property within the county is assessed for taxation according to its value (29). Lists of taxpayers who are required to pay road tax and poll tax, the latter providing extra revenue for the maintenance of schools, are prepared by the tax assessor as the assessment is placed upon the real and personal property (30).

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| (13) Crim. Code, Secs. 99-106, 401-406; A. Ark., 1927, II, 1185. | A. Ark., 1875, p. 10; Crim. Code, sec. 79. |
| (14) Rev. Stat., p. 195. | (22) Rev. Stat., p. 311. |
| (15) <u>Ibid.</u> , p. 306. | (23) A. Ark., 1883, p. 208. |
| (16) Const. 1874, amend. XXI, app. Nov. 3, 1936. | (24) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1933, p. 489. |
| (17) Rev. Stat., p. 306. | (25) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1883, p. 210. |
| (18) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 7. | (26) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1935, p. 452. |
| (19) Rev. Stat., pp. 131-135, 295. | (27) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1913, p. 862. |
| (20) Rev. Stat., p. 728. | (28) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1923, p. 68. |
| (21) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 8; | (29) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1883, p. 208. |
| | (30) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1883, p. 245. |

Tax levies for the maintenance of the State government, county government, municipal government, and school districts within the county are set by the quorum court. From this levy the amount of tax required to be paid by each property owner is computed. Taxpayers are authorized to pay their taxes in installments. (31) All funds payable to the county that are collected by its several officials are paid into the county treasury. From here those funds belonging to the government subdivisions are distributed out of the treasury. County funds, which are appropriated by the quorum court, are expended through the issuance of warrants by the county clerk in payment of claims which have been audited and approved by the county court. (32) All county offices that handle funds are audited periodically (33).

Any citizen of the United States who has attained 21 years of age and has resided in the State 12 months, in the county 6 months, in the precinct, town or ward 1 month, next preceding any election, and has a poll tax receipt is a qualified elector in Arkansas. Aliens are prohibited from voting and any person convicted of a felony may be deprived of franchise. (34) Candidates for public office must be electors, and must not have fought or participated in a duel for a period of 10 years prior to the date of the election. An atheist is denied the right to hold office in Arkansas. (35) General elections are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year (36). The conduct of all general and special elections for the election of State or county officers, or balloting upon State or local legislation, is conducted by the county board of election commissioners, who establish precincts, adjusting their size in accordance with the number of electors within the area; select judges for each voting precinct; furnish all necessary supplies, and canvass and certify the election returns (37). In the event of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, and in all elective State, district, circuit, county, and township offices except those of Lieutenant Governor, member of the General Assembly and Representative in the Congress of the United States, the Governor appoints a person to fill the unexpired term. Persons so appointed are prohibited from succeeding themselves. (38)

The county through the county court, supervises and directs the formation of school districts and the changing of boundaries of existing districts (39). It levies and collects the taxes for the schools (40);

- (31) Ibid., 1935, p. 777.
 (32) Rev. Stat., p. 227.
 (33) A. Ark., 1931, p. 210.
 (34) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 1; ibid., amend. No. VIII, 1920.
 (35) Const. 1874, art. II, secs. 1-3.

- (36) A. Ark., 1927, II, 1187.
 (37) A. Ark., 1891, p. 32; ibid., 1931, p. 1118; ibid., 1935, p. 427.
 (38) Const. 1874, amend. No. XXIX, app. Nov. 8, 1938.
 (39) A. Ark., 1931, p. 504.
 (40) Ibid., p. 555.

conducts school elections (41); is custodian of the school funds, which it disburses by warrants drawn by the school district authorities (42). Through the county examiner of schools, it enforces the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Department of Education; furnishes the State Department with necessary statistical data concerning the county school system (43), and the textbook board supervises the distribution of free textbooks to the schools (44). The county cooperates with the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture in providing education in agriculture and home economics, through the extension service agents (45).

The county participates with the Arkansas State Board of Health in the United States Public Health Service in the maintenance of a carefully planned public health program (46). In the administration of direct relief the county department of public welfare serves as the agent for the State and Federal Governments in the various phases of relief administration (47). The county cooperates with State and Federal authorities in the treatment and quarantine of contagious or infectious diseases of animals, eradication of cattle ticks, and burning of carcasses (48). Marks and brands of livestock and timber marks may be recorded (49). Inspection of weights, measures and scales is provided (50). The county directs the organization of improvement districts for drainage (51), flood protection (52), and fencing (53). Public and private boundary lines may be surveyed and established by the county surveyor (54).

(41) Ibid., 1935, p. 68.

(42) Ibid., 1931, p. 558.

(43) Ibid., p. 494.

(44) Ibid., 1937, p. 1100.

(45) Ibid., pp. 204, 961.

(46) Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, 1940, p. 7, A. Ark., 1929, II, 1926.

(47) A. Ark., 1935, p. 56; ibid., 1937, p. 152; ibid., 1939,

pp. 256, 672.

(48) Ibid., 1925, p. 662.

(49) Rev. Stat., p. 704; A. Ark., 1901, p. 203.

(50) Ibid., 1913, p. 1057.

(51) A. Ark., 1911, p. 193; ibid., 1921, p. 391.

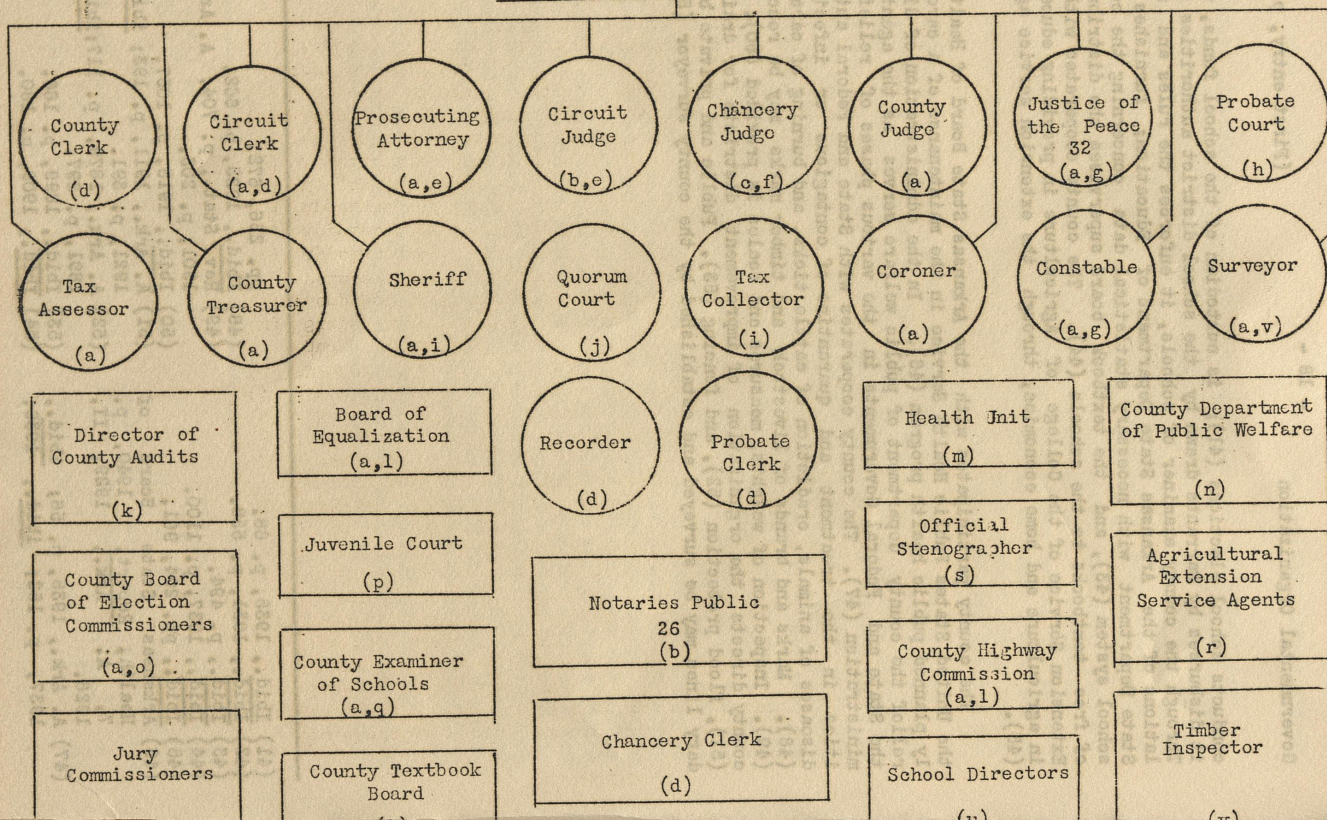
(52) A. Ark., 1879, p. 117; ibid., 1891, p. 297.

(53) Ibid., 1899, p. 166.

(54) Ibid., 1909, p. 180.

CLEVELAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, 1941

THE ELECTORATE



Jury
Commissioners

County Textbook
Board

Chancery Clerk
(d)

School Directors
(u)

Timber
Inspector
(v)

LEGEND

Offices shown in circles created by Constitution.
Offices shown in rectangles created by statute.

- (a) Two-year term of office.
- (b) Four-year term of office.
- (c) Six-year term of office.
- (d) Circuit clerk is ex officio county clerk, recorder, probate clerk and chancery clerk.
- (e) Elected by and for all counties in tenth judicial circuit, consisting of Dallas, Bradley, Cleveland, Ashley, Drew, and Chicot Counties.
- (f) Elected by and for all counties in fourth chancery circuit, consisting of Jefferson, Arkansas, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties.
- (g) Elected by and for political townships.
- (h) Chancery judge presiding.
- (i) Sheriff is ex officio tax collector.
- (j) Members are county judge and justices of the peace; county judge presiding.
- (k) State Comptroller is ex officio director of county audits.
- (l) Composed of three members. County judge is chairman and appoints other two members, with approval of quorum court.
- (m) Appointed by State Board of Health.
- (n) Appointed by State Department of Public Welfare.
- (o) Appointed by State Board of Election Commissioners.
- (p) County judge presiding.
- (q) Appointed by county judge.
- (r) Appointed by University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture.
- (s) Appointed by circuit judge, for duration of court term.
- (t) Composed of county judge, county treasurer, and county examiner of schools.
- (u) Elected by voters of school districts; terms vary.
- (v) Surveyor is ex officio timber inspector.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Cleveland County courthouse at Rison, the fourth to be occupied by the county government, was erected in 1911 at an approximate cost of \$65,000. It is located on the northwest corner of a rectangular plot of ground, 100' x 200', on Main Street at the junction of State Highway No. 35 and U. S. Highway No. 79. The records of all county agencies are housed in the courthouse with the exception of the current records of justices of the peace and those of the county health unit, county department of public welfare, county farm agent, and county home demonstration agent. Current justice of the peace records are kept in the respective offices of the justices serving in the several townships of the county. The records of the health unit, public welfare office, and the extension service agents are housed in the respective offices of these agencies in the new county office building adjacent to the courthouse.

The courthouse is a two-story building with a daylight basement. Measuring 100' x 70', the building is approximately 50' high. The first floor level is approximately 3' above ground. Its foundation and walls are of buff brick. The entrance steps, pillars, and window facings are of limestone. The roof is tile, topped by a 20' belfry in which is set a four-faced clock.

The main entrance is on the north side beneath a portico supported by two columns. Around the top of the portico is a latticed metal banister creating a balcony effect. Other entrances are at the east and west ends of the building. Access to the basement is by an inside stairway near the east entrance.

The interior walls and ceilings are plastered. The floors of the corridors are tile, the vault and basement floors are of concrete, and all office floors are wood. The building is lighted by electricity and steam-heated. Ventilation and atmospheric conditions are generally good. Ceiling heights in all offices are 12' except in the courtroom which is 14'. For the arrangement of the various offices and their relationship to each other, consult the floor plans, pages 25-27.

To provide housing for the increasing functions of county government a new two-story building was erected on the northeast corner of the courthouse square during 1939 and 1940. This building is a concrete and steel structure faced with brick. The interior walls and ceilings are plastered and the floors are wood. The outside dimensions are 50' x 86' x 25'. The ceilings are 10' in height in all offices. It cost \$65,000 of which 65 percent was paid by funds of the Work Projects Administration. County offices occupy a portion of the first floor. The county jail is on the second floor. For the arrangement of the various offices and their relationship to each other, consult the floor plan, page 28.

Facilities are provided for the various county agencies as follows:

County Court. To the left of the main entrance of the courthouse

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is the office of the county judge. No records are kept in this office. The county clerk is custodian of all court records which are housed in the vault. The records consist of 25 volumes, occupying approximately 51 linear feet of shelving, and approximately 11 cubic feet of unbound records in 23 steel and 3 wooden file drawers, and 5 bundles.

County Highway Commission. This agency holds its meetings in the county judge's office. No records were found in the inventory.

Circuit Clerk as Recorder. The office of this official is on the south side of the first floor of the courthouse and adjoins the only fireproof vault in the building. The records of the recorder are in the vault. They consist of 145 volumes occupying 266 linear feet of steel shelving, and approximately 27 cubic feet of unbound records in 32 steel file drawers, and 3 bundles.

Vault. This vault is accessible only from the circuit clerk's office. The floor is concrete and the walls and ceiling are plastered. The ventilation and illumination are good and the vault is fireproof. The east, west, and north walls are lined with tiers of steel shelving for bound records and steel and wooden cabinets containing file drawers which hold a majority of the unbound records in the room. In the center of the vault are two large tables for the use of the county officials and the public. Nearly all of the 530 volumes in the vault are in the steel roller shelving, of which there is 842 linear feet. A small number of non-current and seldom-used volumes are stacked on top of the tiers of shelving. There are approximately 81 cubic feet of storage space provided by the 180 steel and 20 wooden file drawers and 13 cardboard boxes. Inadequate file drawer space has necessitated the use of the cardboard boxes which contain non-current records. There are other non-current records tied in bundles, of which there are 20. The bundles are on top of the steel file drawers and steel shelving. Some of the cardboard boxes are on the floor and others are on top of the shelving or file drawer cabinets. The fact that nearly all of the county agencies having offices in the courthouse use this one vault for the storage of their records has caused a crowded condition. This could be relieved by providing a separate storage room for the non-current and seldom-used records.

Notary Public. The county does not provide office space for notaries public.

Circuit Court. The courtroom occupies the central portion of the second floor of the courthouse and is accessible from both the east and west stairs. The room is 46' x 66' x 14'. No records are kept here. The records of the court are kept by the circuit clerk and housed in the vault. These records consist of 51 volumes which occupy approximately 88 linear feet of steel shelving; approximately 16 cubic feet of unbound records in 53 steel and 14 wooden file drawers, 4 cardboard boxes, and 8 bundles.

Jury Commission. A room in the northwest corner of the second floor of the courthouse is used as a jury room. Records made by the

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jury commission became a part of the circuit court record. See entry 62.

Chancery Court. The circuit court courtroom is used by the chancery court. Records of the court are kept by the circuit clerk in the vault. The records consist of 10 volumes occupying 19 linear feet of steel shelving, and approximately 13 cubic feet of unbound records in 40 steel, 18 wooden file drawers and 5 cardboard boxes.

Probate Court. Probate court is held in the circuit court courtroom. The records are in custody of the circuit clerk and are housed in the vault. They consist of 23 volumes occupying about 39 linear feet of shelving, and approximately 11 cubic feet of unbound records in 21 steel file drawers and 1 cardboard box.

Juvenile Court. Juvenile proceedings are usually held in the county judge's office. The county clerk, as clerk of the juvenile court, is custodian of the records, which are contained in a single volume housed in the vault.

Justices of the Peace. Sessions of the justice of the peace courts are held within the boundaries of the townships served by the respective courts. Quarters for these courts are not provided by the county. Non-current records of these courts are returned to the county clerk. They consist of 7 volumes which are stacked on top of the tier of steel shelving in the vault. Current records, none of which are shown in this inventory, are in the custody of the respective justices of the peace.

Prosecuting Attorney. This official has no office in the Cleveland County courthouse and keeps no records.

Sheriff. The sheriff's office is to the right of the main entrance to the courthouse. His records, consisting of 3 volumes, are in the office. No shelving is provided for these records.

Coroner. No office space is furnished the coroner. His inquisition records become a part of the circuit court records and are delivered to the circuit clerk. See entry 61.

Constable. The constables have no offices in the courthouse. They keep no records.

Quorum Court. Sessions of quorum court are held in the circuit court courtroom. Its records, consisting of one bundle of miscellaneous papers, are kept by the county clerk in the vault. The records of its proceedings are kept jointly with the county court record. See entries 12 and 111.

County Clerk. The circuit clerk is ex officio county clerk. His records are housed in the vault. They include 246 volumes occupying approximately 428 linear feet of steel shelving, and approximately 13 cubic feet of unbound records in 32 steel file drawers, and 4 bundles.

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Tax Assessor. The assessor's office is in the southeast corner of the first floor of the courthouse. There are 1.5 cubic feet of unbound records in 1 cardboard box in the office. The remaining records prepared by this office are placed in the custody of the county clerk. See entries 121-126, 162.

Board of Equalization. This agency usually holds its meetings in the circuit clerk's office. Its records, consisting of 1 volume and a bundle of unbound records, are in the vault.

Tax Collector. The sheriff is ex officio tax collector and the records made by this office are in the custody of the county clerk. See entries 126-134.

County Treasurer. The office of the treasurer is in the northwest corner of the first floor of the courthouse. Some of the treasurer's records are in his office and some are in the vault. No shelving is provided for the 8 volumes in the office. The 13 volumes in the vault are stacked on top of the tier of steel shelving. The unbound records, approximately .8 cubic feet, also are in the vault, in 1 wooden file box, 3 cardboard boxes and 1 metal lock box.

Director of County Audits. There are no regular quarters in the courthouse for this official; however, convenient space is provided while audits are being made. Copies of the auditor's reports are in the custody of the county clerk. See entry 115. Some records of the Commissioner of Accounts, predecessor to the director of county audits, are in the vault. See entries 174 and 175.

County Board of Election Commissioners. The county does not provide quarters for this agency. Returns and other records pertaining to elections are in the custody of the county clerk. See entries 141-143.

County Examiner of Schools. This official occupies an office in the northeast corner of the second floor of the courthouse. The records in this office include 1 volume for which no shelving is provided. There are approximately 23 cubic feet of storage space in 1 wooden steel file cabinet, and 1 bundle. Less than 10 percent of the space in these cabinets is in actual use.

County Textbook Board. This agency holds its meetings in the county examiner's office. Its records are kept by the examiner. See entry 176.

School Directors. The county does not provide quarters for the directors. Lists of the directors were found in the office of the county examiner of schools. See entry 177.

Library. A room on the first floor of the courthouse was used until April 1941 to house a Work Projects Administration library. The library has approximately .38 cubic feet of unbound records in 4 wooden file boxes.

Health Unit. This agency occupies a suite of three rooms in the

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in the county office building, in which are housed all of the records of the unit. There are approximately 13 cubic feet of unbound records in 5 steel and 1 wooden file drawers.

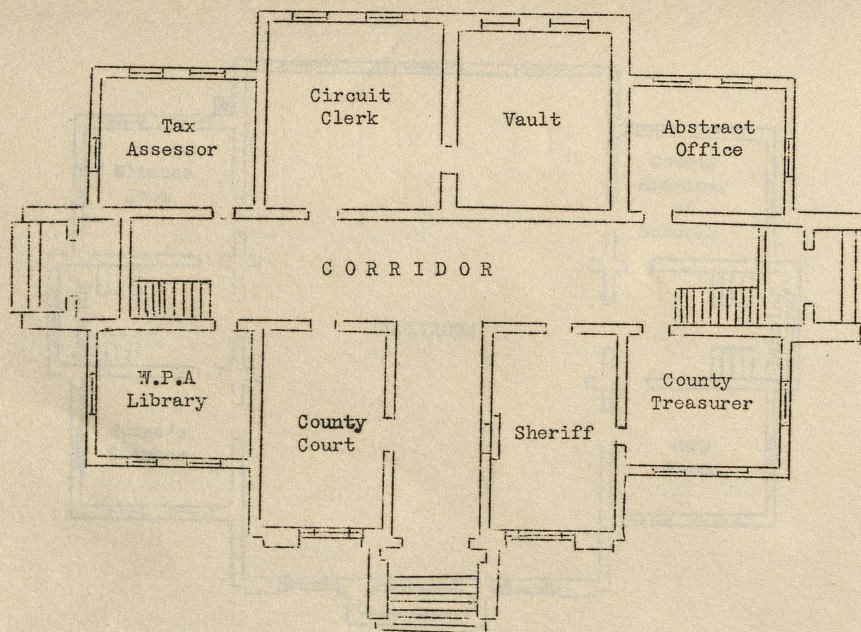
County Department of Public Welfare. Two rooms of the county office building are occupied by the county department of public welfare. All the records of the agency are housed therein. The records consist of 5 volumes, for which no shelving is provided, and about 40 cubic feet of unbound records in 13 steel and 2 wooden file drawers and 1 bundle.

Confederate Pension Board. This agency, while inactive, has never been abolished by law. Its records, kept in one volume, are in the county clerk's vault.

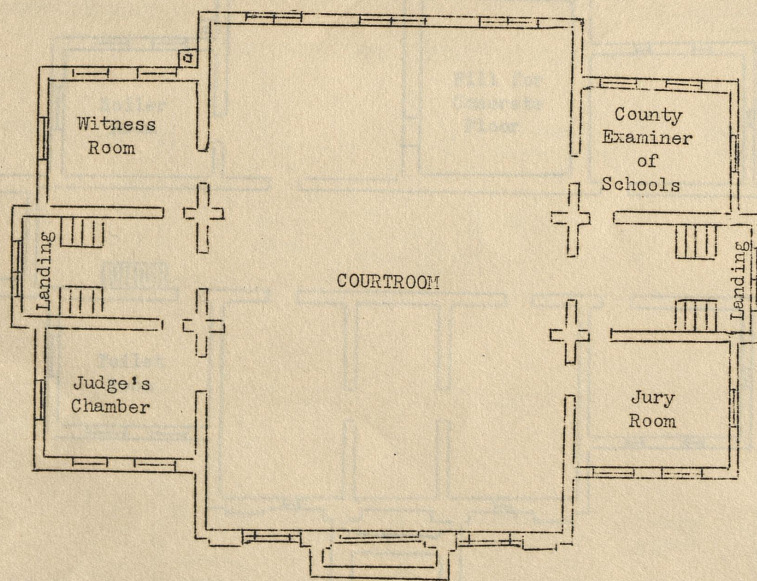
County Surveyor. No office is furnished the surveyor of Cleveland County. The surveyor's records are kept in the vault. See entry 202.

Timber Inspector. The county surveyor is ex officio timber inspector. No records were found in the inventory.

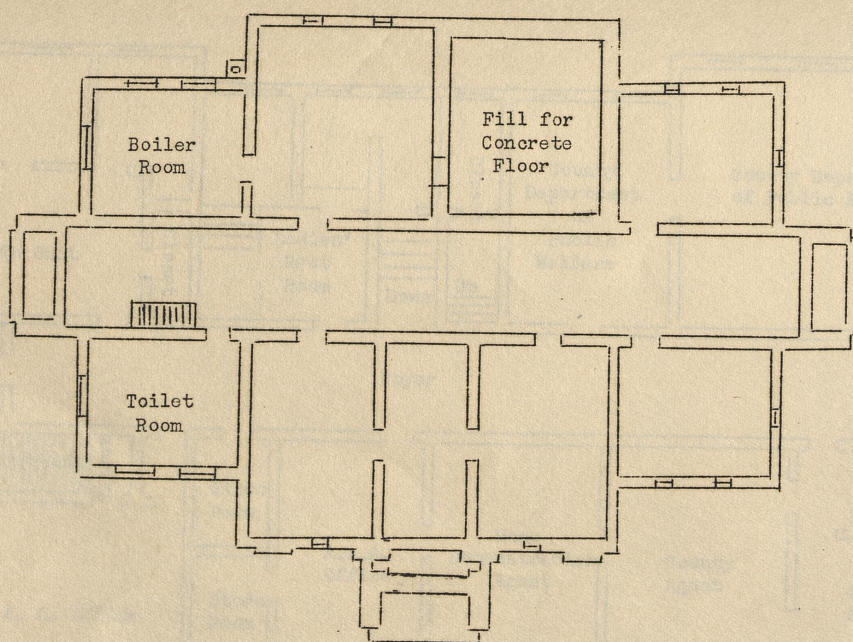
County Farm Agent. This official and the Home Demonstration Agent share a suite of three rooms in the county office building. The records, many of them common to both offices, are housed in the offices and consist of approximately 94 cubic feet of unbound records in 38 steel file drawers.



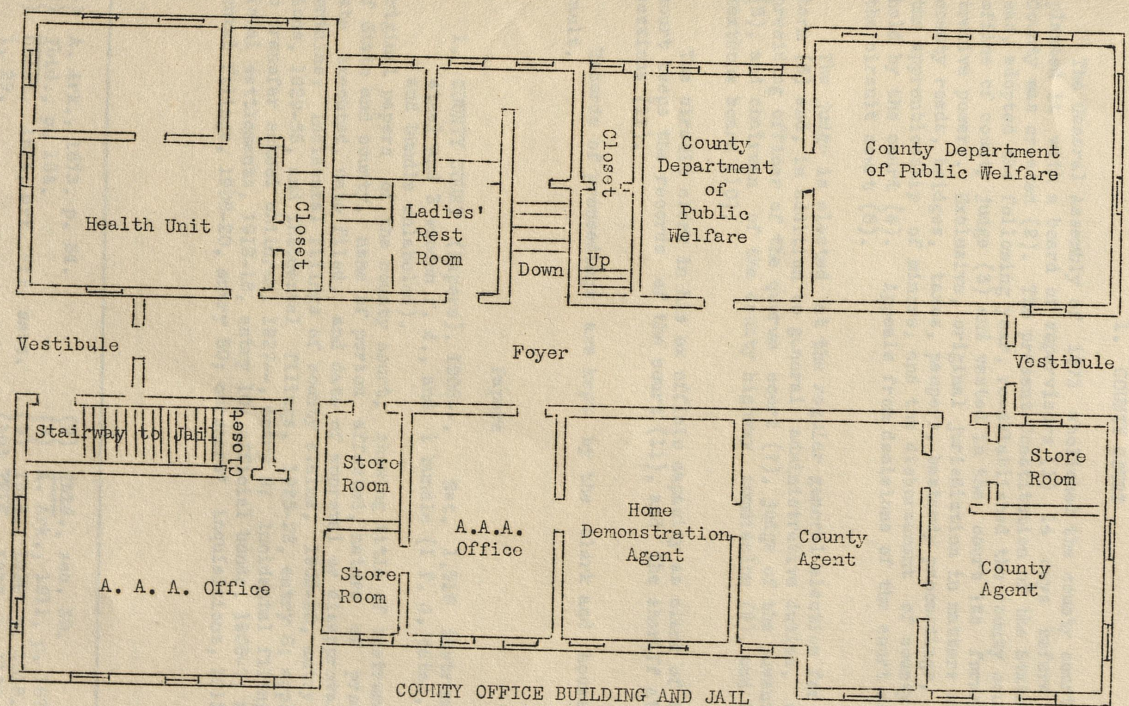
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
CLEVELAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE - RISON
Scale 1/16" = 1'



2ND FLOOR PLAN
Scale 1/16" = 1'



BASEMENT AND FOUNDATION PLAN
Scale 1/16" = 1'



COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND JAIL
First Floor Plan
Scale $1/32" = 1'$

1. COUNTY COURT

The General Assembly of 1873 abolished the county court and supplanted it with a board of supervisors (1) 14 days before Cleveland County was created (2). The present Constitution of the State of Arkansas, adopted the following year, re-established the county court and the office of county judge (3) and vested in the court its former administrative powers. Exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters relating to county roads, bridges, taxes, paupers, bastardy proceedings, vagrants, the apprenticeship of minors, and the disbursement of county funds is held by the court (4). Appeals from decisions of the court are made to the circuit court (5).

The judge is elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term (6) and, in addition to general administrative duties, serves as presiding officer of the quorum court (7), judge of the juvenile court (8), and chairman of the county highway commission (9), and the county textbook board (10).

The circuit clerk in his ex officio capacity as clerk of the county court keeps the records of the court (11), and the sheriff attends all sessions (12).

Records of proceedings are kept by the clerk and housed in the vault.

Papers

1. COUNTY COURT (Papers), 1905--. Est. 1,516 instruments in 6 steel and 3 wooden f. d., and 1 bundle (1 f. d. dated, 8 f. d. and bundle unlabeled).

Original papers of the county court, showing title of instrument, name of State and county, name of person affected, nature of proceedings, date executed, date filed, and date of approval or disapproval. Also contains: Incidental filings of county claims, 1905-20, entry 2; petitions, 1929-35, and incidental filings, 1925-28, entry 6; applications to transfer school children, 1927--, entry 8; incidental filings of official settlements, 1912-18, entry 10; official bonds, 1905-7, and incidental filings, 1908-20, entry 50; coroners' inquisitions, 1913-18, en-

(1) A. Ark., 1873, p. 54.

(2) Ibid., p. 134.

(3) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 29.

(4) Ibid., sec. 28.

(5) Ibid., sec. 33.

(6) Ibid., sec. 29.

(7) Ibid., sec. 30.

(8) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.

(9) Ibid., 1939, p. 1018.

(10) Ibid., 1937, p. 1100.

(11) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

(12) Rev. Stat., p. 728.

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try 61; subpoenas, 1916-17, entry 65; incidental filings of chancery court closed cases, 1915-22, entry 86; incidental filings of probate papers, 1915, entry 93; incidental filings of official transcripts, 1915-20, entry 112; appointments of deputies, 1905-37, entry 159, and county examiners' papers, 1926, entry 176. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H., 1905-17; t., 1918--. Steel file drawers, $19\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$; wooden file boxes, $6\frac{3}{4}$ x 4 x 13 ; bundle, 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 .

2. [COUNTY CLAIMS AND MISCELLANEOUS], 1912--. Est. 4,900 instruments in 10 steel file drawers and 1 bundle. 1904-26 in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15; incidental filings, 1905-20, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1910-20, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1914-17, in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56. Original claims filed against the county for services rendered or supplies furnished, 1935--, showing name of claimant, date filed, amount claimed, whether approved or disallowed, and judge's signature. Also contains: Incidental filings of petitions, 1934, entry 6; constable bonds, 1937, entry 47; subpoenas, 1927-36, entry 65; incidental filings of official transcripts, 1912-34, entry 112, and incidental filings of appointments of deputies, 1932-37, entry 159. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1935-37; t., 1938--. File drawers, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$; bundle, $9\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$ x 2 .

3. JUSTICE FEE BILL, 1932-34. 86 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Record of all fees earned by justices of the peace, showing where court held, date of trial, name of defendants, cause of action, names of witnesses, and costs, fines assessed and other expenses. Also contains: Incidental filings of official settlements, 1933-34, entry 10. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

4. [APPOINTMENTS OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS], 1919-22. 13 instruments in 1 bundle. Original orders of appointment of commissioners for road improvement districts, showing name of commissioner, improvement district number, signatures of members of board of commissioners, date filed, date examined and approved by county judge, and his signature. Arr. chron. by date filed. H., 1919-20; t., 1921-22. $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 .

5. [FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COUNTY], 1910-33. 20 instruments in 1 bundle. Treasurer's annual financial statement filed with the county court, showing revenue derived from taxes, land redemption, delinquent personal taxes, warrants issued and canceled, treasurer's balance at first of year, bond issue, if any, fund from which warrants issued, total warrants issued, outstanding warrants and treasurer's balance at end of year, date filed, date examined and approved by county judge, and his signature. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., 1910-25; h., 1926-33. 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 .

6. (PETITIONS), 1916-35. 1916-20 in (Estray Papers), entry 151; 1921-28 in List of School Directors, entry 177; 1929-35, and

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incidental filings, 1925-28, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1934, in [County Claims and Miscellaneous], entry 2.

Original petitions to county court, asking for payment of county funds to the poor, for reduction of taxes, or the opening of roads, showing date of petition, its purpose, names of parties affected, signatures of petitioners, and date filed.

Municipalities

7. (RECORD OF PETITIONS FOR INCORPORATION OF TOWN), 1879-90. In Deed Record, entry 20.

Record of petition to county court for incorporation of town, showing date of petition, names of petitioners, proof of publication, date of filing map or plat with clerk, legal description of property, copy of judge's signature, date filed, and recording certificate.

Schools

(See also entries 177-179)

8. [APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER SCHOOL CHILDREN], 1910-26. 191 instruments in 1 bundle. 1927-- in County Court (Papers), entry 1.

Original applications to the county court for the transfer of school children from one district to another, showing name and age of child, date of petition, numbers and names of districts from which transferred and to which transferred, signature of applicant, and date filed. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. No index. H. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x $3\frac{1}{2}$.

9. RECORD OF SCHOOL TRANSFERS, 1918--. 1 vol.

Record of orders to transfer school children, showing same items of information as entry 8. Arr. chron. by date approved and numer. thereunder by school dist. no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of child. Hpf. 640 pp. 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Settlements

10. [OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS], 1906--. Est. 546 instruments in 6 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1910-20, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1912-18, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1913-32, in Redemption Certificates, entry 136; incidental filings, 1916, in Commissioners of Accounts Reports, entry 174, and incidental filings, 1933-34, in Justice Fee Bill, entry 3.

Original settlements of county officials, showing name of official and office which he holds, amount and sources of collections made, period covered by settlement, and disposition of moneys collected. Also contains: Incidental filings of official transcripts, 1924-26, entry 112. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1906-24; t., 1925--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

Proceedings

11. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1885--. 14 vols. (1-14).

Record of proceedings in the county court, showing date of proceedings, name of claimant or petitioner, number and amount of claim, nature of claim or petition, and order of court. Arr. chron. by date of term. No index. Hph., 1885-1932; hpf., 1933--. Aver. 200 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

12. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1873--. 9 vols. (A, 1-8). Incidental recordings, 1934-- in County Educational Board Record, entry 178.

Record of proceedings of the board of supervisors, 1873-74, and of the county court, 1874-- in such matters as petitions for the opening or extension of roads, transfer of school children, elections, matters of incorporation of towns and cities, equalization of assessments, appointments authorized by law to be made in the county court, construction of courthouses and other county buildings, purchase and sale of real estate by the county, construction of bridges, issuance of bonds, provisions for quarters for county officers, and allowance of claims against the county. Entries show names of interested parties, location of road and school districts affected, nature of proceedings, order of court concerning each action, date of proceedings, names of legally constituted officers of the court, who are in attendance, and signature of presiding judge. Also contains: Paupers' record, 1874-1909, and incidental recordings, 1910-37, entry 13; juvenile court proceedings, 1911-24, entry 106; quorum court proceedings, 1890-- entry 111, and road records, 1915-- entry 158. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of claimant, petitioner or other interested party. Hpf., 1873-1905; tpf., 1906-25; t., 1926--. Aver. 630 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

13. PAUPER RECORD, 1910--. 1 vol. (1). 1874-1909, and incidental recordings, 1910-37, in County Court Record, entry 12.

Record of orders of the county court placing persons on list of paupers of the county, showing name of pauper, date, amount allowed per month, name of person appointed to draw allotment, warrant number, in whose favor drawn, amount drawn, and by whom. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pauper. Hpf. 324 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

II. COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The county highway commission of Cleveland County functions by authority of an act passed by the General Assembly in 1939. The commission is composed of the county judge, who serves as chairman, and two other members appointed by the judge, by and with the consent of the quorum court, for terms of 2 years. The commissioners have the authority to do anything reasonably necessary to enable them to carry out the functions of laying out, constructing, repairing and maintaining all county roads except those included in the State or Federal highway

Internal Improvement Commissioner;
Circuit Clerk as Recorder

(14)

system. (1)

No records of the commission were found in Cleveland County.

III. INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONER (Defunct)

At the time of the creation of Cleveland County the office of internal improvement commissioner existed and was filled by appointment by the board of supervisors (2). Term of office was 2 years and the chief function of the office was the collection of all funds due the county on internal improvements (3). The Constitution of 1874 failed to provide for the office and it passed out of existence.

No records of this office were found in Cleveland County.

IV. CIRCUIT CLERK AS RECORDER

The office of recorder was filled in an ex officio capacity by the county clerk (4) at the time of the creation of Cleveland County (5). This arrangement was changed the following year when the Constitution of 1874 authorized the election of a circuit clerk and specified that he serve ex officio as recorder of the county. The clerk is elected at the general biennial election and serves a 2-year term. (6)

The recorder is required to file, record, and preserve all instruments of writing which affect the title to real or personal property (7).

Records of the office are housed in the vault, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Reception Record
(See also entry 85)

14. FILING RECORD, 1921--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Chronological listing of instruments filed with the recorder for perma-

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| (1) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018. | (4) A. Ark., 1868, p. 20. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1873, p. 51; <u>ibid.</u> ,
p. 54. | (5) <u>Ibid.</u> , 1873, p. 134. |
| (3) <u>Ibid.</u> , p. 51. | (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19. |
| | (7) Rev. Stat., p. 656. |

nent filing or recording, showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date of instrument, date filed, book and page of record entry, and fees charged. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 161 pp. $16\frac{1}{4}$ x $11\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Real Property Conveyances

Documents

15. [RECORDER'S MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1886-1935. Est. 940 instruments in 3 steel file drawers and 1 bundle.
Original miscellaneous instruments filed with recorder consisting of:

- i. Agreements, 1901-4, showing names of parties, date and terms of agreement, signatures of parties, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- ii. Deeds, 1889-1935, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- iii. Mortgages, 1886-1910, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms of mortgage, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- iv. Redemption deeds, 1893-1909, showing name of person redeeming land, legal description of property, year property was delinquent, total taxes, penalty and costs, copy of signature of State Land Commissioner, and date filed. For record of redemption deeds, 1875-- , see entry 20-2lv.

Also contains: County claims, 1904-26, entry 2; chattel mortgages, 1886-1910, entry 42; incidental filings of official bonds, 1905-7, entry 50; venire for jurors, 1910-13, entry 62; grand jury reports, 1886-1919, and incidental filings, 1920-30, entry 63; indictments, 1908-13, and incidental filings, 1914-18, entry 67, and incidental filings of closed chancery court cases, 1930, entry 86. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1886-1915; t., 1916-30. File drawers, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$; bundle, $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 9.

16. [UNITED STATES PATENTS], 1886-1918. 24 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original land patents issued by the United States Government to lands sold at public sale or claimed under homestead rights, showing certificate date and number, name of grantee, legal description of property, signatures of the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior and Recorder in General Land Office, and date filed, Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hpf. 10 x 5 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

For record of patents, 1873-- , see entry 20-2lvii.

Deeds

17. DEED RECORD (Transcription of Deeds and Mortgages), 1840-72. 3 vols. (1-3). Transcribed 1873.

Transcribed record of deeds and mortgages filed in Bradley, Lincoln, Dallas, and Jefferson Counties which affect title to lands taken from these counties to form Cleveland County, showing names of grantor and grantee, or mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, consideration, date of deed or mortgage, copy of signature of grantor or mortgagor, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. For indexes see entries 18, 19, and 24. H. Aver. 620 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

18. DIRECT INDEX, 1840-72. 1 vol.

Direct index to Deed Record (Transcription of Deeds and Mortgages), entry 17, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of grantor or mortgagor and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hph. 312 pp. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

19. INDIRECT INDEX, 1840-72. 1 vol.

Indirect index to Deed Record (Transcription of Deeds and Mortgages), entry 17, showing names of grantee and grantor, date of instrument, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of grantee or mortgagee and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hph. 312 pp. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

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- 21. DEED RECORD, 1873--. 50 vols. (A, 4-52).

Record of instruments executed to convey title to real property by private sale, or by public sale for the payment of delinquent taxes or the satisfaction of judgment liens, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, copies of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. Included also are miscellaneous recordings such as:

- i. Affidavits establishing proofs of heirship, showing name of affiant, date of affidavit, copy of signature of affiant, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.
- ii. Donation lands, certificates to, 1879-1910, showing name of donee, date of certificate, description of land, requirements with which to comply in order to obtain deed to land, and copy of signature of land commissioner.
- iii. Improvements, proof of, 1879-1910, showing name of donee, date, names and affidavit of witnesses to proof that requirements of donation certificate have been complied with, and copy of signature of attesting officer.
- iv. Property lines, agreements establishing, 1898-1916, showing legal description of property involved, date of agreement, names of disputing parties, date filed, and recording certificate.

- v. Redemption deeds, 1875--, showing same items of information as entry 15iv.
- vi. Right-of-way deeds, 1882-1934, permitting the building of highways, railroads, power, telephone and telegraph lines across privately owned property, showing names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.
- vii. United States patents, 1873--, showing same items of information as entry 16.

Also contains: Petitions to incorporate towns, 1879-90, entry 7; incidental recordings of royalty deeds, 1940, entry 22; timber deeds, 1885--, entry 23; incidental recordings of leases, 1905, entry 28; oil and gas leases, 1911-18, and incidental recordings, 1919-36, entry 29; mortgages, 1873-84, and incidental recordings, 1885-1909, entry 30; release deeds, 1887--, entry 34; incidental recordings of bills of sale, 1896-1930, entry 34; incidental recordings of bills of sale, 1896-1930, entry 41; incidental recordings of chattel mortgages, 1877, 1905, entry 45; minister's credentials, 1874-80, entry 52; contracts for labor, 1874-75, 1899--, and incidental recordings, 1876-98, entry 55; wills, 1874-76, and incidental recordings, 1877-1938, entry 95; incidental recordings of letters of administration, 1911-29, entry 96; record of sheriff's certificates of purchase, 1897-1901, entry 135; redemption certificates, 1873-1935, entry 137; appointment of deputies, 1883, entry 160, and surveyors' certificates, 1873-1937, entry 202. Arr. in segregated groups according to type of conveyance and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of grantor, 1921; for index, 1873-1920, see entry 24; for other indexes, 1924, see entries 25 and 26. Hph., hpf. Aver. 620 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

22. ROYALTY DEED RECORD, 1922--. 1 vol. (1). Incidental recordings, 1937, in Assignment Record, entry 40; incidental recordings, 1938-39, in Oil and Gas Lease Record, entry 29; incidental recordings, 1940, in Deed Record, entry 20-21. Record of oil, gas and mineral royalties, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of deed, amount of undivided interest, consideration, copy of signatures of grantor and grantee, legal description of the land, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of grantor. Hpf. 577 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

23. (TIMBER DEEDS), 1885--. In Deed Record, entry 20-21. Incidental recordings, 1912-13, in Mortgage Record, entry 30. Record of instruments executed for the purpose of conveying timber rights, showing names of grantor and grantee, date and duration of deed, description and location of timber, consideration, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

24. INDEX TO DEEDS AND MORTGAGES, 1840-1920. 1 vol. Index to Deed Record (Transcription of Deeds and Mortgages). 1840-72, entry 17; Deed Record, 1873-1920, entry 20-21; Mortgage Record, 1885-1920,

entry 30, showing names of grantor or mortgagor and grantee or mortgagee, date and kind of instrument, description of property, book and page of record entry, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by first three letters of name of grantor or mortgagor and chron. thereunder by date recorded. 175 pp. 18 x 14 x 6.

25. DIRECT INDEX, DEEDS, MORTGAGES, 1924. 1 vol. (1).
Direct index to Deed Record, 1924, entry 20-21; Mortgage Record, 1924, entry 30, showing same record information as entry 24. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of grantor or mortgagor and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hph. 159 pp. $18\frac{1}{4}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

26. INDIRECT INDEX, DEEDS, MORTGAGES, 1924. 1 vol. (1).
Indirect index to Deed Record, 1924, entry 20-21; Mortgage Record, 1924, entry 30, showing names of grantee or mortgagee and grantor or mortgagor, date and kind of instrument, description of property, book and page of entry number, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of grantee or mortgagee and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hph. 159 pp. $18\frac{1}{4}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

Leases (See also entry 30)

27. (LEASE CONTRACT), 1910-15. In (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56.
Original leases, showing name of lessor and lessee, description of property, date executed, terms, date of expiration, signature of lessor, acknowledgment, and date filed.

28. [RECORD OF LEASE CONTRACTS], 1892-1909. In Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 45; incidental recording, 1905, in Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of leases, showing same items of information as entry 27.

29. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1919--. 7 vols. (1-3, 6-9). 1898-1916 in Mortgage Record, entry 30; 1911-18, and incidental recordings, 1919-36, in Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of oil and gas leases, showing names of lessor and lessee, legal description of real estate concerned, consideration, term and date of lease, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: Incidental recordings of royalty deeds, 1938-39, entry 22. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of lessor. Hpf., 1919-37; tpf., 1938--. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Mortgages (See also entries 17-19, 40)

30. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1885--. 23 vols. (K-W, Y, Z, AA-HH). Titles vary slightly. 1873-84, and incidental recordings, 1885-1909, in Deed Record, entry 20-21; incidental recordings, 1877-1927, in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 45.
Record of mortgages on real estate, showing date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms of mortgage, copy of signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, date filed, and date recorded. Also contains: Incidental recordings of tim-

ber deeds, 1912-13, entry 23; oil and gas leases 1898-1916, entry 29; deeds of trust, 1915, entry 32; incidental recordings of release deeds, 1910-19, entry 34; power of attorney, 1888-1907, entry 39; bill of sale, 1913-31, and incidental recordings, 1887-1912, entry 41; incidental recordings of chattel mortgages, 1909-26, entry 45, and incidental recordings of contracts, 1888-1915, entry 55. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor, 1921--; for index, 1885-1920, see entry 24; for other indexes, 1924, see entries 25 and 26. H., 1885-1909; hpf., 1910-27; tpf., 1928--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

31. MORTGAGE RECORD (Federal Land Bank), 1918--. 2 vols. (Q, U). Record of mortgages on farm property held by the Federal Land Bank, showing date of execution of instrument, names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, amount borrowed, rate of interest, date due, terms of payment, copy of signatures of mortgagor and mortgagee, acknowledgment, endorsement of secretary and treasurer of Federal Land Bank, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor. Hpf., 1918-21; t., 1922--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

32. DEED OF TRUST RECORD, REALTY, 1923-33. 1 vol. (X). 1873-1900 in Deed Record, entry 20-21; 1915 in Mortgage Record, entry 30. Record of instruments creating a mortgage lien on real property in favor of a trustee acting as representative for the mortgagee, showing name of mortgagor, name of trustee as second party, description of property, amount of indebtedness, rate of interest, condition of payment of interest and principal, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed direct alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor, indirect by first letter of name of trustee. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Mortgage Releases

33. ORDERS TO SATISFY RECORDS (Mortgages), 1918--. Est. 3,087 orders in 2 steel file drawers. Original authorizations by mortgagees for the circuit clerk to release mortgage liens on real and personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of mortgage, book and page of record entry, and signature of mortgagee. Also contains: Incidental filings of redemption certificates, 1927, entry 136. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. H., 1918-26; t., 1927--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

34. (RELEASE DEEDS), 1887--. In Deed Record, entry 20-21. Incidental recordings, 1910-19, in Mortgage Record, entry 30; incidental recordings, 1936, in Chattel Mortgage, entry 45. Record of instruments executed by mortgagee for the purpose of releasing liens upon real property, showing same items of information as entry 33.

Liens and Lis Pendens

35. (LIENS), 1911--. In Judgments and Liens, entry 77.

Original instruments filed for the purpose of establishing liens against property, showing name and address of person or firm imposing lien, name of person against whom lien is filed, amount and character of lien, description of property, and signature of lienholder.

36. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of notices of suits pending in court, stating that a lien might be established against certain designated property, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, names of persons in possession of the property, legal description of property, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf. H., 1907-10; tpf., 1911--. 273 pp. 16 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Surveys and Plats

37. FIELD NOTES, 1818-48. 3 vols. Transcribed in 1873.

Transcription of plats of government surveys of boundaries of Cleveland County, showing number of section, township and range. Certificate showing that plat is correct by order of county court, description of surveyed land, name of surveyor, date surveyed, date filed for record, and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Aver. 190 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

38. PLAT RECORD, 1889-1919. 1 vol. (1).

Record of individual plats bound in volume and consisting of town sites, and additions to and subdivisions of towns and cities of Cleveland County, and plats of estates made in accordance with court decrees of heirship. Each plat shows date of survey, name of town site, subdivision of estate, date of certificate, date filed, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by twp no. of legal description. No index. 218 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Miscellaneous

Real Property Conveyances

39. (RECORD OF POWER OF ATTORNEY), 1879-1907. 1879-87 in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 45; 1888-1907 in Mortgage Record, entry 30.

Record of documents executed by a person for purpose of conferring authority upon another to act for him giving name and address of person conferring legal power, name of party upon whom power is conferred, purpose for which conferred, date of instrument, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

40. ASSIGNMENT RECORD, 1921--. 3 vols. (1-3). 1882-1920, and incidental recordings, 1921-29, in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 45.

A record of assignment of mortgages, and oil and gas leases, showing names of assignor and assignee, consideration, description of property, date of assignment, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. Also contains: Incidental recordings of royalty deeds, 1937, entry 22. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of lessor. Tpf., 1921-31; hpf., 1932--. Aver. 625 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Personal Property

Conveyances

41. (RECORD OF BILLS OF SALE), 1884-1931. 1884-1912 in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 45; 1913-31, and incidental recordings, 1887-1912, in Mortgage Record, entry 30; incidental recordings, 1896-1930, in Deed Record, entry 20-21.

Record of bill of sale conveying title to personal property, showing names of grantor or grantee, condition of sale, description of property sold, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

Mortgages

42. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1920--. Est. 3,910 instruments in 17 steel file drawers. Subtitled by name of mortgagee. 1886-1910 in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15.

Original mortgages on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date and amount of mortgage, description of the property given as security, terms of mortgages, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf., 1924-27; hpf., 1928--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

43. FEDERAL CROP MORTGAGES, 1932--. Est. 2,000 instruments in 4 steel file drawers (2 f. d. dated, 2 labeled by contained letters of alphabet).

Original mortgages given to Farm Credit Administration as security for emergency crop loan, showing names and post office addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property on which crop is to be raised, date, amount and terms of mortgage, acknowledgment, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of redemption certificates, 1935, entry 136. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

44. RESETTLEMENT (Chattel) MORTGAGE, 1936--. Est. 900 instruments in 3 steel file drawers (2 f. d. dated, 1 unlabeled).

Original resettlement mortgages, chattels, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, amount, description of property given as security, terms of mortgage, date due, interest rate, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

45. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1875--. 18 vols. (1-18). Incidental recordings, 1877-1905, in Deed Record, entry 20-21; incidental recordings, 1909-26, in Mortgage Record, entry 30.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing same items of information as entry 42. Also contains: Leases, 1892-1909, entry 28; incidental recordings of mortgages, 1877-1927, entry 30; incidental recordings of release deeds, 1936, entry 34; power of attorney, 1879-87, entry 39; assignments, 1882-1920, and incidental recordings, 1921-29, entry 40; bill of sale, 1884-1912, entry 41; incidental recordings of contracts, 1878-1916, entry 55. Arr. chron. by date filed. Direct index alph. by first

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letter of name of mortgagee. Hpf., 1875-1936; tpf., 1937--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

46. MINUTES OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1877-1920, 1922--. 16 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 2-8, 10-17). Titles vary slightly. Numerical listing of chattel mortgages filed, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property mortgaged, amount secured, date executed, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Direct index alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor; indirect index alph. by first letter of name of mortgagee. Hpf. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

Bonds, Commissions, and Credentials

47. (CONSTABLES' BONDS), 1926-37. 1926-31 in Report of County Clerk, entry 110; 1937 in [County Claims and Miscellaneous], entry 2.

Original bonds filed by constables to guarantee faithful discharge of duty, showing name of officer, date bond filed, date approved, name of surety, amount of bond, period for which made, signatures of official and surety, and acknowledgment.

48. OFFICIAL BOND (Road Commissioner), 1919-25. 71 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original bonds of road commissioners, showing name of appointee, date appointed, number of road district, amount of bond, name of bonding company or surety, oath of commissioner to faithfully perform his duties, date, signatures of principal and sureties, and acknowledgment and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 2.

49. NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS, 1907--. 272 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Incidental filings, 1907-20, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1915, in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56.

Original bonds, executed by notaries public to guarantee the faithful performance of their duties, showing name of notary, amount of bond, and approval of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf., 1907-11, 1920--; hpf., 1912-19. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$.

50. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1908-35. Est. 548 documents in 2 steel file drawers. 1905-7, and incidental filings, 1908-20, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1905-7, in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15.

Original bonds posted by county officers to warrant faithful performance of duties, showing name of office to which elected or appointed, names of officer and sureties, amount of bond, period for which bond made, signatures of principal and sureties, date filed, date approved, and acknowledgment. Also contains: Incidental filings of disposed of probate court papers, 1908, entry 93. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$.

51. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1874--. 3 vols. (2 unlabeled, 3). Titles vary slightly.

Record of official bonds, showing same items of information as entry 50. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of official. Hpf., 1874-1905; tpf., 1906--. Aver. 372 pp. Sizes vary from 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 to 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

52. MINISTERS' CREDENTIALS, 1885--. 1 vol. 1874-80 in Deed Record, entry 20-21. No record found, 1881-84.

Record of ordinations of ministers which legalize performance by them of marriage ceremonies, showing name of minister, creed or church affiliation, date of ordination, and reference to records of other counties in which credentials are recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of minister. H., 1885-1938; t., 1939--. 212 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Miscellaneous

53. RECORD OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS DISCHARGE, 1922--. 1 vol. (1). Recorded copies in verbatim of honorable discharge certificates of citizens who served, or were called into service, in military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, showing name of discharged person, rank and organization, reason for discharge, place of residence, age at enlistment, civilian occupation, physical description, commanding officer's certificate of discharge, date of discharge, enlistment record, giving details including name, grade, whether enlisted or drafted, length of service, rank, skill in marksmanship and horsemanship, wounds, physical condition, marital status, and commanding officer's signature, rank and organization, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person discharged. Hpf., 1922-30; tpf., 1931--. 586 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

54. RECORD OF MARRIED WOMAN'S PROPERTY, 1877--. 1 vol. (1). Record of real and personal property of married woman in which her husband has no vested interest, showing name of woman, name of husband, legal description of property, oath of ownership, date filed, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: Inventories, appraisements and sales bills, 1932--, entry 98. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of married woman. Hpf. 576 pp. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

55. (Record of) CONTRACT FOR LABOR, 1876-98. 1 vol. (1). 1874-75, 1899--, and incidental recordings, 1876-98, in Deed Record, entry 20-21; incidental recordings, 1878-1916, in Chattel Mortgage, entry 45; incidental recordings, 1888-1915, in Mortgage Record, entry 30.

Record of contract, showing names of contracting parties, date and terms of contract, copy of signatures of contracting parties, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of contractor. Hpf. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

V. NOTARY PUBLIC

The Constitution of 1868 authorized the Governor to appoint not to exceed six notaries public in each county (1). The Constitution of 1874 failed to provide for appointment of notaries, but an act of the General Assembly of the same year empowered the Governor to appoint a discretionary number of notaries in each county, to serve a 4-year term (2). The chief function of the notary public is to take acknowledgment of all instruments of writing which require legal authentication (3).

There are now (1941) 26 licensed notaries in Cleveland County (4).

VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The first circuit court in Cleveland was setup in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1868 (5), and continued by the present constitution (6). Dallas, Cleveland, Bradley, Ashley, Drew, and Chicot Counties form the tenth judicial circuit (7). The circuit judge is elected by the voters of the circuit for a 4-year term (8). Other officers of the court are the circuit clerk (9) and the sheriff of the county (10). Two regular terms of court are held in the county each year, beginning on the first Monday in July and December (11).

The circuit court holds exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters, both civil and criminal not assigned to another court (12); concurrent jurisdiction with the chancery court in granting majority rights to minors (13), and appellate jurisdiction over the county and justice of the peace courts (14). Appeals from decisions of the circuit court are made to the Arkansas State Supreme Court (15).

The General Assembly of 1897 authorized the circuit judge to appoint an official stenographer to serve his court. The stenographer's term of office runs concurrently with that of the judge making the appointment. (16)

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| (1) Const. 1868, art. VI, sec. 16. | (8) <u>Ibid.</u> , art. VII, sec. 17. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1874-1875, p. 61. | (9) <u>Ibid.</u> , sec. 19. |
| (3) Rev. Stat., p. 753. | (10) Rev. Stat., p. 728. |
| (4) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Notary Public Record, 1934, pp. 66-67; <u>ibid.</u> , 1941, p. 74. | (11) A. Ark., 1911, p. 121. |
| (5) Const. 1868, art. VII, sec. 1. | (12) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 11, 40. |
| (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1. | (13) A. Ark., 1903, p. 244. |
| (7) <u>Ibid.</u> , art. XVIII. | (14) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 11; <u>ibid.</u> , amend. XXIV. |
| | (15) <u>Ibid.</u> , sec. 4. |
| | (16) A. Ark., 1897, p. 64. |

In accordance with provisions of the General Assembly of 1868, the county clerk served ex officio as clerk of the circuit court and as recorder (17). When the Constitution of 1874 was adopted, the office of circuit clerk became constitutional and the clerk serves ex officio as recorder, county clerk (18), and clerk of the chancery court. (19)

Case Papers

56. [CIRCUIT CLERK'S MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1889-1920. 185 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.
Original miscellaneous papers filed in circuit court such as:

- i. Peace bond, 1911, showing name of person under bond and sureties, amount and date of bond, signatures of sureties, and date filed.
- ii. Summons, 1916, issued by sheriff for appearance in court, showing name of person summoned, style of case, date to appear in court, date summons returned, signature of sheriff, and date filed.
- iii. Warrant for arrest, 1919-20, showing name of person for whom warrant issued, date of warrant, date served, signature of officer making arrest, and date filed.

Also contains: Incidental filings of county claims, 1914-17, entry 2; leases, 1910-15, entry 27; incidental filings of notary bonds, 1915, entry 49; incidental filings of coroner's inquisitions, 1919-20, entry 61; venire for jurors, 1914-17, entry 62; incidental filings of grand jury reports, 1911-18, entry 63; incidental filings of indictments, 1908-16, entry 67; incidental filings of justice of the peace transcripts, 1920, entry 80; tax receipts, 1918, entry 128. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1889-1913; tpf., 1914-20. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

57. LAW CASES (Civil), 1899--. Est. 2,560 instruments in 31 steel file drawers, (labeled by contained letters of alphabet), 9 wooden file boxes and 2 cardboard boxes (unlabeled).
Original case papers of civil cases tried in circuit court, including petitions, subpoenas, motions, pleadings, and court orders. Each document shows number and style of case, nature of the instrument, names of litigants, names of their attorneys, date filed, and, if recorded, book and page of record entry. Arr. chron. by court term and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of pltf. No index. H., 1899-1927; t., 1928--. Steel file drawers, $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$; wooden file boxes, $6 \frac{3}{4} \times 4 \times 13$; cardboard boxes, $12 \times 17\frac{1}{4} \times 20$.

58. CIRCUIT COURT (Civil Cases Pending), 1938--. Est. 45 instruments in 3 steel file drawers.
Papers of civil cases pending in circuit court, showing same items of information as entry 57. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. T. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

59. CRIMINAL CASES, 1891--. Est. 918 instruments in 16 steel file drawers, 5 wooden file boxes, and 1 cardboard box (labeled by contained letters of alphabet).

Original criminal case papers filed in circuit court including indictments, subpoenas, witness lists, jury lists, bail bonds, verdicts, and court orders. Each instrument shows number and style of case, nature of instrument, names of affected parties, date filed, and, if recorded, book and page of record entry. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H., 1891-1925; t., 1926--. Steel file drawers, $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$; wooden file boxes, $4 \times 6\frac{3}{4} \times 13$; cardboard box, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

60. RECEIPTS FOR COURT PAPERS, 1883-1911. 1 vol. (1).

Record of receipts for case papers loaned to attorneys, showing date of receipt, names of litigants, number and style of case, signature of attorney to whom papers are loaned, date returned, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 198 pp. $17\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

Inquests

61. CORONER'S INQUISITION, 1935. 1 instrument in 1 steel file drawer. 1913-18 in County Court (Papers), entry 1; 1919-20 in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56; 1929 in List of School Directors, entry 177.

Original reports of coroner's inquests, showing name of deceased person, date of death, date and place of inquisition, list, digest of testimony, signatures of witnesses, certificate of examining physician, list of jurors, verdict of jury, and signatures of foreman, jury and coroner. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

Grand and Petit Juries

62. VENIRE FOR JURORS, 1922-36. 30 instruments in 1 bundle. 1910-13 in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15; 1914-17 in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56; 1920 in (Estray Papers), entry 151.

Original lists of persons selected by jury commissioners of the circuit court to serve as jurors, each list being accompanied by an order directing the sheriff to summon jurors for service. Each instrument shows names and addresses of jurors, term of court at which they are to serve, date filed, and signatures of sheriff and clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

63. GRAND JURY REPORT, 1920-34. 10 instruments in 1 bundle. 1886-1919, and incidental filings, 1920-30, in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15; incidental filings, 1911-18, in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56.

Reports of grand jury proceedings, showing number of indictments returned, names of witnesses subpoenaed by the jury, brief statement of evidence presented in each case, and signature of grand jury foreman. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. T. $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

64. GRAND JURY WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1907-12. 40 instruments in 1 bundle. Incidental filings, 1908-9, in (Estray Papers), entry 151.

Original grand jury witness certificates, showing style of case, name of witness, date of court term, number of days in attendance, amount of mileage claimed, signature of clerk, and date filed. Also contains: Certificates from Secretary of State to county officials, 1907-12, entry 142. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

65. (GRAND JURY WITNESS SUBPOENA), 1916-19, 1927-36. 1916-17 in County Court (Papers), entry 1; 1918-19 in (Estray Papers), entry 151; 1927-36 in [County Claims and Miscellaneous], entry 2. Original subpoena issued by the grand jury to summons witnesses, showing name of witness, date he is to appear, date of subpoena, signature of seal of circuit clerk, style of case, date of service, statement of fees charged by sheriff, signature of sheriff, and date filed.

66. GRAND JURY RECORD, 1909--. 19 vols. Titles vary slightly. Record of grand jury proceedings, showing same items of information as entry 63. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hpf. Aver. 275 pp. 12 x $7\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Indictments and Informations

67. INDICTMENT, 1914-18. Est. 75 instruments in 1 bundle. 1908-13, and incidental filings, 1914-18, in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15; incidental filings, 1908-16, in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56. Original indictments returned by grand jury, showing style of case, offense charged, date and place of alleged crime, name of prosecuting attorney, indictment number, signature of grand jury foreman, list of witnesses, date filed, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 1.

68. RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1881-1904, 1908--. 3 vols. (A, 2, 3). Titles vary slightly. Record of true bills of indictment returned by the grand jury and filed with the circuit clerk for recording after apprehension of person charged with violation of law, showing same information as entry 67. Also contains: Record of information, 1936-38, entry 70. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. Aver. 532 pp. 16 x 11 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

69. INFORMATIONS, 1936--. 17 instruments in 1 bundle. Original informations filed by the prosecuting attorney against individuals charged with commission of felonies or misdemeanors, showing name of defendant, offense, date and place of crime, waiver of defendant, name of prosecuting attorney, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $3\frac{3}{4}$ x 9 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

70. INFORMATION RECORD, 1939--. 1 vol. (1). 1936-38 in Record of Indictments, entry 68.

Record of information filed by prosecuting attorney, showing same items of information as entry 69. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of deft. Tpf. 18 x 12 x 2.

Bonds

71. BAIL BOND, 1923-36. 16 instruments in 1 bundle. Original bail bonds given by defendants in criminal cases to obtain release from custody pending trial, showing name of defendant, crime charged, name of court, term of court, date of trial, amount of bail, names and addresses of sureties, signatures of principal and sureties, and date of bond. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1923-28; t., 1929-36. 3 3/4 x 8 1/2 x 1.

Proceedings

72. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1874--. 8 vols. (2 unlabeled, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4). Titles vary: Judge's Docket, 1874-1937. Judge's minutes of civil and criminal and chancery cases. Civil cases show style and number of case, names of litigants and their attorneys, date filed, order of court, date of order, amount of fees accumulated, and book and page of judgment entry. Criminal cases show case number, names of defendant and his attorney, offence charged, date filed, order of court, date of order, and book and page of judgment entry. Chancery cases show case number, names of litigants and their attorneys, cause of action, dates of trial and term of court, order of court, date of order, and verdict. Arr. chron. by date filed and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 210 pp. Sizes vary from 16 x 11 x 2 1/2 to 9 x 14 x 2.

73. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1875-82, 1888-1917. 5 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled, one dated, 1, 3). Clerk's minutes of civil, criminal, and chancery cases, showing same items of information as entry 83. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of court term. No index. Aver. 238 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 1/2.

74. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1875-94. 1 vol. (1). Docket of subpoenas issued, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of subpoena, mileage, per diem and ferriage of both defendant's and plaintiff's witnesses. Arr. chron. by date of court term and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf. 418 pp. 18 1/2 x 12 1/2 x 2 1/2.

75. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1873-85, 1889--. 6 vols. (A, 2-6). Record of proceedings of circuit court in civil and criminal cases. Entries consist of notations of action of the court on motions, pleadings, and final judgments, names of jurors and witnesses, orders of custody, and orders of opening and closing terms of court. Entries show number and style of case, date of proceedings, name of attorneys, interested parties, prosecuting judge, clerk and sheriff. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of pltf. Hpf., 1873-85, 1889-1930; t., 1931--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

76. (Transcripts) TO SUPREME COURT, 1915-37. 70 instruments in 1 cardboard box.

Copies of proceedings in cases heard in circuit court which have been appealed to Supreme Court, showing names of litigants and their attorneys, number and style of case, date of transcript, date filed, direct and cross examination of witnesses, and signatures of circuit judge and clerk. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. T. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x $14\frac{3}{4}$.

Judgments and Executions

77. JUDGMENTS AND LIENS, 1911--. 155 instruments in 1 steel file drawer (19).

Original judgments of circuit court filed for purpose of execution, showing case number, names of plaintiff, and defendant, date and amount of judgment, signature of presiding judge, and date filed. Also contains: Liens, 1911--, entry 35. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H., 1911-15; hpf., 1916--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

78. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1875--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of judgments of circuit court and transcripts of judgments of justice of the peace courts certified to the circuit court for execution, showing case number, names of parties to suit, party against whom judgment is rendered, date and nature of judgment, amount of costs, by whom paid, and book and page of record entry. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf., 1875-88, 1890--; for index, 1889, see entry 79. Hpf. 280 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

79. INDEX TO JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1889. 1 vol.

Index to Judgment Docket, 1889, entry 78, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, name of judgment debtor, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of judgment debtor. H. 31 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{3}$.

80. TRANSCRIPT OF J(ustice of the) P(ease Judgments), 1910-28. 39 instruments in 1 bundle. Incidental filings, 1920, in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 57.

Papers of cases tried in justice of the peace courts in which judgments have been rendered and certified to circuit court for execution, consisting of transcript of proceedings, examinations, bonds, order of executions, itemized statement of judgments and costs. Each instrument shows number and style of case, date of judgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

81. [COMMITMENT FOR FINE AND COSTS], 1926-27. 20 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original orders of commitment to jail for fine and costs, showing case number, name of person convicted, date of conviction, date of commitment, amount of fine and costs, and signature of justice of the peace. Also contains: Treasurer's receipts to constables, 1926-27, entry 165. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf. $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

82. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1875--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of execution orders issued by the circuit court to carry out the judgments of the court, showing number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of judgment, date of execution, amount of judgment, interest and costs, to what county execution orders are issued, fees of officers, amount of fees, and returns. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plft. Hpf. 286 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Financial

83. CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1889--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Itemized record kept for all fees due in civil cases, showing number and style of case, names of litigants, date fee incurred, total amount, and remarks. Also contains: Chancery fees, 1889-98, entry 92. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 157 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

84. CHANCERY & CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1911--. 1 vol. (A).

Itemized record of all fees due in criminal cases in circuit court, showing number and style of case, term of court, date of trial, name of defendant, names of witnesses in case, days served, amount received, and clerk's and sheriff's fees. Also contains: Chancery fees, 1911--, entry 92. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hpf. 239 pp. 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

85. CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY CLERK'S CASH BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements of fees by circuit clerk, as recorder, clerk of circuit court, and clerk of chancery court, showing under receipts: Kind of instrument, date filed, and, if a court paper, case number, gross fee itemized as to purpose of fee; under disbursements, date, case number, and description of credit item. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 102pp. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

VII. JURY COMMISSION

The jury commission exists by authority of the Arkansas Criminal Code, adopted by the General Assembly of 1869 (1). The commission is composed of three members, appointed by the circuit judge for the duration of the term of court for which they are selected (2).

The same authority also provided that the jury commission could select (3) 18 grand jurors and 24 petit jurors from lists of the county

(1) Crim. Code, 1869, secs. 401, 405.

(2) A. Ark., 1871, p. 264.

(3) Crim. Code, sec. 98.

electorate. The panel is submitted to the court, where the final selection of 16 grand and 12 petit jurors is made. (4)

Records of appointments of the members of the commission and the proceedings of both juries are a part of the court record (5).

VIII. CHANCERY COURT

A separate court of chancery was established in Cleveland County in 1899 to exercise exclusive, original jurisdiction in all equity cases (6), which formerly had been vested in the circuit court (7). Cleveland, Lincoln, Arkansas, and Jefferson Counties compose the fourth chancery circuit (8). The judge of the chancery court is elected by the voters of the circuit for a term of 6 years (9). The chancery judge serves as judge of the court of probate (10). The clerk of the circuit court is the clerk of the chancery court, and with the sheriff of the county, is required to attend all sessions of the chancery court. Appeals from the rulings of chancery court are taken to the Arkansas State Supreme Court. (11)

Records of chancery proceedings are kept in the vault.

Case Papers

86. CHANCERY COURT CASES (Disposed of), 1886--. Est. 2,074 instruments in 38 steel file drawers, 18 wooden file boxes, and 4 cardboard boxes (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Incidental filings, 1915-22, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1922-23 in Marriage Affidavit and Bond, entry 145; incidental filings, 1930, in (Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 15.

Papers pertaining to cases heard in chancery court, such as petitions, lists of witnesses, subpoenas, orders of court, and prayer for new trial, showing kind of instrument, names of litigants and attorneys, case number, and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of pltf. and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. H., 1886-1931; t., 1932--. Steel file drawers, $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$; wooden file boxes $4 \times 6 \frac{3}{4} \times 13$; cardboard boxes $12 \times 17\frac{1}{4} \times 20$.

(4) A. Ark., 1881, p. 92.

(5) See Entries 62-66.

(6) A. Ark., 1899, p. 29.

(7) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.

(8) A. Ark., 1907, p. 215.

(9) A. Ark., 1903, p. 322.

(10) Const. 1874, amend. XXIV, sec. 1.

(11) A. Ark., 1899, p. 31; A. Ark., 1903, p. 323.

87. CHANCERY PAPERS (Pending), 1929--. Est. 40 instruments in 2 steel file drawers.

Papers of cases pending in chancery court, showing same type of information as shown in entry 86. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. T. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

Proceedings

88. CHANCERY DOCKET, 1913--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 1, 2). Minutes of proceedings in chancery court, showing number and style of case, names of attorneys, cause of action, date of trial, orders of the court, verdicts, and motions. Arr. chron. by date filed and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Tpf. Aver. 300 pp. Sizes vary from $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

89. CHANCERY COURT RECORD, 1889--. 4 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 3, 4, 5).

Record of proceedings in chancery court, showing date of proceedings, number and style of case, names of attorneys and officers of court, names of witnesses, verdict, court orders and judgments, prayers for new trial, motions, and pleadings. Arr. chron. by date of court term and numer. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf. H., 1889-1907; hpf. 1908-25; t., 1926--. Aver. 600 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$.

Delinquent Taxes

90. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES AND RECEIPT FROM SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES, 1922-27. 389 instruments in 1 cardboard box. Original redemption certificates and receipts for special improvement district taxes, showing name of owner, legal description of property, number of improvement district, total taxes, penalty, and costs, and date of certificate. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. H., 1922-25; t., 1926-27. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4.

91. DELINQUENT (Road Improvement Tax) RECORD, 1921-26. 3 vols. (A, A, A).

Record of delinquent taxes in road improvement districts numbers 1, 3, and 4, showing name of owner, legal description of land, assessed valuation, amount of taxes, penalty and costs, and date of sale or redemption. Arr. chron. by date of delinquency and numer. thereunder by land description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 329 pp. $17\frac{1}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

For list of delinquent lands in road tax district, 1923-26, see entry 132.

Financial

(See also entry 85)

92. (CHANCERY FEES), 1889-98, 1911--. 1889-98 in Civil Fee Book,

entry 83; 1911-- in Chancery & Criminal Fee Book, entry 84. Record of fees due in chancery court, showing number and style of case, date of trial, amount received, and itemized statement of fees charged.

IX. PROBATE COURT

The Constitution of 1874 authorized the establishment of a probate court as it exists at present (1), and named the county judge as presiding magistrate (2). This arrangement was continued until a constitutional amendment of 1938 specified that the chancery judge should preside (3). In Cleveland County the circuit clerk serves ex officio as clerk of the probate court (4).

The court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters concerning the estates of deceased persons and estates of incompetents and minors (5). Appeals from its decisions are carried directly to the Arkansas State Supreme Court (6).

Records of the proceedings of the probate court are housed in the vault unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Case Papers

93. PROBATE COURT CASES (Disposed of), 1892--. Est. 803 instruments in 20 steel file drawers (labeled by contained letters of alphabet) and 1 cardboard box (unlabeled). Incidental filings, 1908, in Official Bonds, entry 50; incidental filings, 1913-20, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1915, in County Court (Papers), entry 1.

Original case papers and documents filed in probate court, such as court orders and decrees, motions, proceedings, petitions of executors or claimants, disposition of case, notices of sale of property, disposition and final settlements of administrators, executors, or guardians, showing names of estate, claimant, heirs and attorney, case number, date executed and filed. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H., 1892-1923; t., 1924--. Steel file boxes, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$; cardboard box, $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$ x 14.

94. PROBATE COURT (Cases Pending), 1931--. 26 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original papers of cases pending in probate court, showing same items of

(1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.

(2) Ibid., sec. 28.

(3) Ibid., amend. XXIV, sec. 3.

(4) Ibid., sec. 19.

(5) Ibid., sec. 34.

(6) Ibid., amend. XXIV, sec. 2.

information as entry 107. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. T. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

Wills

95. RECORD OF WILLS, 1877--. 1 vol. (1). 1874-76, and incidental recordings, 1877-1938, in Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of wills, showing names of testator and witnesses, oaths of subscribing witnesses, date of death of testator, acknowledgment of signatures, date filed, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. H., 1877-1909, 1923--; t., 1910-22. 556 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Bonds and Letters

96. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1876--. 3 vols. (1, A, B). Titles vary slightly. Incidental recordings, 1911-29, in Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of applications for letters of administration, and letters and bonds of administrators of estates, showing name of deceased, name of administrator or executor, amount of bond, names of sureties, date of instrument, date of approval of letters and bond, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf., 1876-1935; tpf., 1936--. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

97. GUARDIAN'S RECORD, 1877--. 3 vols. (1, A, B). Titles vary slightly.
Record of guardians' bonds and letters. Letters of guardianship show name of guardian, names of wards, qualifications and duties of guardian, signature of probate clerk, date executed, and date recorded. Guardian's bond shows statement of guardian guaranteeing faithful discharge of duties according to law, signatures of guardian and sureties, date of approval by probate court, signature of probate judge attested by clerk, qualification of sureties, and date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of ward. Hpf., 1877-1938; tpf., 1939--. Aver. 414 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{4}$.

Inventories, Appraisements and Sales Bills

98. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, APPRAISEMENTS AND SALE BILLS, 1881-1931. 1 vol. (A). 1932-- in Record of Married Woman's Property, entry 54.
Record of inventories, appraisements, and sale of assets of estate. Inventories show name of deceased, itemized listing of real and personal property owned, valuation, evidence of debts, value of property, certificate of administrator, date and order of approval of probate judge, and date recorded. Appraisements show name of deceased, names, qualifications, oaths and signatures of appraisers, acknowledgment, description and value of real and personal property, certificate of appraisers, date

filed, where recorded, signature of probate clerk, date of examination and approval by probate judge, and judge's signature. Sales bills record of public auctions conducted by auctioneers and clerks appointed by administrators of estates disposing of real and personal property, showing name of estate, itemized list of articles sold and amount received, names of purchasers and administrator's affidavit as to correctness of listed property. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. 592 pp. 18 x 12 3/4 x 3.

Claims

99. ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS (Against Estates), 1878--. 1 vol. (1). Record of claims against the estates of deceased persons, showing name of estate, date of claim, names of claimants, class of claim, whether of first, second, third, or fourth class, according to legal definition, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. Hpf. 432 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Accounts Current

100. ACCOUNT CURRENT RECORD, 1875--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record of accounts current submitted by the administrator or guardian to probate court for approval, showing date of court term, name of estate, name of guardian or administrator, names of minors, annual settlement, showing itemized account of all property, description and valuation, amount of indebtedness against estate, listing of all cash, stocks, or bonds, oath and signature of guardian or administrator, signature and confirmation of probate judge, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. Hpf., 1875-1916; t., 1917--. Aver. 594 pp. 18 x 12 1/2 x 2 1/2.

Proceedings

101. PROBATE COURT DOCKET, 1889--. 4 vols. (3-5, 1 vol. unlabeled). Records prior to 1889 not found. Minutes of proceedings of cases heard in probate court, showing number and style of case, names of administrator, executor, or guardian, and attorneys, nature of case, date of hearing, court order, and date of order. Arr. chron. by date of court term and number thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf., 1889-1932; tpf., 1933--. Aver. 200 pp. 3 vols. 19 1/2 x 11 x 1 1/2; 1 vol. 15 x 9 x 3.

102. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1873--. 4 vols. (A-D). Record of proceedings in probate court, showing case number, name of deceased or ward, guardian, administrator, or executor, style of case, attorneys, date of trial, cause of action, list of witnesses, findings of court, order of custody of person or property, prayer for new trial, motions, petitions, and pleadings. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf., 1873-1909; t., 1910--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Juvenile Court

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103. INSANE CASES COUNTY (Probate) COURT RECORD, 1916--. 2 vols. (dated).

Record of findings and decisions of probate judge in insanity cases, showing names of accused persons, names of witnesses and examining physicians, findings of court, judge's signature and date of proceedings. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. Aver. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

104. CONTRACTS FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN, 1891--. 1 vol. (1).

A record of notices that a child has been legally adopted by a family and made a legal heir, showing name, age, and place of birth of child, institution from which child is taken, name of adopted parents, acknowledgment, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of parents. 292 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Financial

105. PROBATE FEE BOOK, 1911--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of fees earned by probate clerk, giving name of administrator or guardian, name of deceased or ward, name of person paying fee, date and amount of payments, services for which fee was charged and amount paid to county treasurer. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward. Hpf. 324 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 3/4.

X. JUVENILE COURT

The General Assembly of 1911 established a juvenile court in each county (1). Prior to this time the problems of dependent and delinquent children were under the jurisdiction of the county court (2). The court is presided over by the county judge, and the county clerk serves as its clerk (1).

Records of the juvenile court are kept by the county clerk in the vault.

106. JUVENILE COURT RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol. (1). 1911-24 in County Court Record, entry 12.

Records of orders and proceedings in juvenile court, warrants for arrest and commitment of delinquent, receipts from industrial schools for delinquent children received there, petitions from parents to the court to send their delinquent children to industrial schools, and summing up hearings concerning alleged delinquencies of minors. Arr. chron. by

(1) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.

(2) Rev. Stat., p. 102.

Justice of the Peace;
Prosecuting Attorney

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date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of delinquent. H., 1925-32; t., 1933--. 15 x 9 x 1.

XI. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justices of the peace and their courts in Cleveland County were authorized by the Constitution of 1868 (1). The Constitution of 1874, now in effect, provides that one justice for every 200 voters in a township may be elected for a term of 2 years. These courts have exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters involving contracts and personal property up to \$100; jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in similar matters up to \$300; original jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases, and may serve as examining courts in felony cases. (2) The justice of the peace serves as a member of the quorum court (3).

There are at the present time (1941) 32 qualified justices of the peace in Cleveland County (4).

The following records are non-current. Current records, showing same items of information, may be found in the offices of the several justices of the peace in the county.

107. J(ustice of) P(eace) DOCKET, 1880-1926. 7 vols. Minutes of proceedings in justice of the peace courts in civil and criminal cases, showing style of case, date instituted, names of plaintiff and defendant and their attorneys, cause of action, court judgment, and itemized listing of fees charged. Arr. chron. by date filed. Civil cases indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf.; criminal cases indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. H., 1880-1910; hpf., 1911-26. Aver. 250 pp. Sizes vary from $13\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. In vault.

XII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The office of prosecuting attorney was provided for by the Constitution of 1868 (5), and continued by the present constitution (6). Cleveland County is a part of the tenth judicial district (7) and the elec-

(1) Const. 1868, art. VII, sec. 20.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 38-40.

(3) Ibid., sec. 30.

(4) Arkansas, Secretary of

State's Office, Civil Record, 1941-1942, pp. 103-106.

(5) Const. 1868, art. XV, sec. 6.

(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 24.

(7) Ibid., art. XVIII.

County Attorney;
Sheriff

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torate of the circuit elects the prosecuting attorney at the biennial general election for a 2-year term (8). Although the Arkansas State Supreme Court has ruled that he is a State officer, the chief duties of the prosecutor are to represent the State and county in all judicial proceedings within his circuit (9). A constitutional amendment of 1937 authorized the prosecuting attorney to institute criminal proceedings through the filing of informations. This system may be used in lieu of grand jury investigations and indictments. (10)

The prosecuting attorney keeps no records; however, the record of informations filed is kept by the circuit clerk in the vault. See entries 69-70.

XIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY (Defunct)

In accordance with an act of the General Assembly of 1859, which created the office of county attorney, the county judge was authorized to appoint a county attorney to represent the county in all suits. Term of office was 2 years. (11) The office passed out of existence when the Constitution of 1874 failed to provide for it, and its functions were assumed by the prosecuting attorney.

No records of this office were found in Cleveland County.

XIV. SHERIFF

The General Assembly of 1868 authorized the election of a sheriff (12), and the Constitution of 1874 continued the office. The sheriff is elected at the general biennial election and serves a 2-year term. Unless otherwise provided for by statute, he serves as ex officio tax collector of the county. (13)

As chief enforcement officer of the county, the sheriff is required to attend all courts of record in the county and carry out the court's mandates (14).

The records of the sheriff are housed in his office.

(8) Ibid., Art. VII, sec. 24.

(9) Griffin v. Rhoten, [1907], 85, Ark. 89.

(10) Const. 1874, amend. XXI.

(11) A. Ark., 1859, p. 101.

(12) A. Ark., 1868, p. 326.

(13) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(14) Rev. Stat., p. 939.

108. JAIL REGISTER, 1924--. 2 vols. (1, 1 vol. dated). Titles vary slightly.

Record of prisoners confined in county jail, showing number, prisoner's name, age, height, color of hair and eyes, complexion, special marks and peculiarities, case history, when received, by what authority confined and discharged, time of sentence, date of discharge, and amount of board due. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of prisoner. H. Aver. 140 pp. $16\frac{1}{4} \times 12 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

109. SHERIFF'S FEES, 1914-26. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued.

Record of fees earned by sheriff for service in civil and criminal cases, showing style of case, date received, from whom received, kind of process, by whom served, date returned, costs, and by whom paid. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H. 320 pp. $17 \times 14 \frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$.

XV. CORONER

The first coroner of Cleveland County was elected in accordance with laws then in effect (1). The Constitution of 1874 continued the office. The coroner is elected by the voters of the county and serves a term of 2 years. (2) The primary function of the office is the holding of inquests over the bodies of persons believed to have met death by violent or unknown cause (3). The coroner also serves as peace officer, with county-wide jurisdiction (4).

Reports of the coroner are filed with the circuit clerk. See entry 61.

XVI. CONSTABLE

The constable first was elected in Cleveland County by authority of an act of the General Assembly of 1868 (1). The Constitution of 1874 continued the office and provided that the electorate of each township elect a constable for a 2-year term (5). The constable serves the justice of the peace courts in the same capacity the sheriff serves the

(1) A. Ark., 1868, p. 326.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(3) A. Ark., 1893, p. 260.

(4) Rev. Stat., p. 271.

(5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 47.

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higher courts (6). In the event of the disqualification of both the sheriff and the coroner, a constable serves in the circuit court (7).

The constable keeps no records.

XVII. QUORUM COURT

The quorum court was established by the Constitution of 1874 as a directorial body of county government that levies taxes and makes appropriations for anticipated expenditures of the county. The members of the court are the county judge, who serves as chairman, and the justices of the peace of the county. (8) The county clerk attends all sessions of the court and keeps a record of its proceedings (9).

Records of the court are housed in the vault.

110. [REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK], 1889-1931. 8 instruments in 1 bundle. Original reports of county clerk to quorum court, showing condition of office, amount of cash collected, cash expended, cash on hand, source of revenue and purpose of expenditure, dates covered by report, signature of county clerk, and date filed. Also contains: Constables' bonds, 1926-31, entry 46. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1889-1909, 1926-31; t., 1910-25. 10 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

111. (QUORUM COURT PROCEEDINGS), 1890--. In County Court Record, entry 12. Minutes of proceedings of the quorum court, showing date of meeting, names of justices of peace present, reports of county judge, county clerk, sheriff, and treasurer submitted to court for approval, county tax levy and appropriations made for salaries of county officers and expenses, taxes levied for State, and political subdivisions of the county, and adjournment order.

XVIII. COUNTY CLERK

In accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1868, the county clerk was elected for a term of 4 years (10), and served ex of-

(6) A. Ark., 1845, p. 46.

(7) A. Ark., 1846, p. 86; ibid., 1874, p. 183.

(8) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec.

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(9) A. Ark., 1879, p. 111.

(10) Const. 1868, art. VII, sec. 19.

ficio as circuit clerk and as recorder (12). The Constitution of 1874 changed the arrangement by authorizing the election of a circuit clerk, who is required to serve ex officio as county clerk and as recorder. His term of office is 2 years (13). The county clerk is chief accounting officer of the county, and as such, is custodian of the majority of the county's administrative and financial records (14).

The entries immediately following this text are of the records the clerk keeps as a financial officer of the county. Other records in his custody will be found following the essays on the several courts and agencies he serves. All records are in the vault.

Financial

Accounts

112. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF FINES, PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES, 1909-34. Est. 580 instruments in 2 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1909-19, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1915-20, in County Court (Papers), entry 1; incidental filings, 1912-34, in [County Claims and Miscellaneous], entry 2; incidental filings, 1924-26, in [Official Settlements], entry 10.

Report of justices of the peace listing fines imposed and names of collecting officers, showing style of case, date of trial, fees collected, disposition of case, and signature of justice. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

113. TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS, 1886--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 2, 3). Titles vary slightly.

Clerk's accounts with justices of the peace, showing name of township, name of collecting officer, date received, name of person fined, offense, judgment, date of judgment, name of justice rendering judgment, and amount of fine. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. Aver. 164 pp. $18 \times 12 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$.

114. COUNTY OFFICER'S ACCOUNTS, 1893--. 5 vols. (2-6). Titles vary slightly.

Record of accounts kept by the clerk with collecting officers and those county officials who handle county funds. Accounts with collecting officers show chronological listing of fines certified to the officer for collection, date of each, amount of fine, amount collected, date of officer's release from obligation. Accounts with county officials show itemized statements. Arr. alph. by name of twp. and alph. thereunder by name of office. No index. Aver. 480 pp. $14 \times 18 \times 2$.

(12) A. Ark., 1868, p. 326.

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(13) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec.

(14) Rev. Stat., p. 224.

Audits

115. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT, 1926-38. 11 vols.
Reports of audits of county officers, containing letters of transmittal, statement of condition of record and accounts of county officials, and transcript of audit. Arr. chron. by date audited. No index. T. Aver. 40 pp. 10 x 16 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

116. ABSTRACT OF ALLOWANCES, 1920-32. 218 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. No subsequent records found.
Original listings of claims paid by county court, showing date, name of person paid, purpose, fund from which money was drawn, amount, date filed, to whom delivered, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., 1920-25; hpf., 1926-32. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $3\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$.

117. (Record of) ABSTRACT OF ALLOWANCES, 1877-1925. 4 vols. (1-4).
Titles vary slightly.
Record of abstract of allowances, showing same items of information as entry 116. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf. Aver. 274 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Warrants

118. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1877--. 6 vols. (1-5, 4).
Record of warrants issued to pay claims against the county, showing name of person to whom issued, date of issue, warrant number, amount, on what fund drawn, date of delivery, and to whom delivered. Also contains: Register of road warrants, 1877-1910, entry 119. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 216 pp. 12 x 18 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

119. REGISTER OF (Road, Bridge, & Highway) WARRANTS, 1891--. 3 vols. (1-3). 1877-1910 in Register of Warrants, entry 118.
Record of highway and special road warrants, showing warrant number, date, to whom issued, amount, number of road district, when paid, to whom paid, and date of term of court. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 161 pp. 12 x $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Assessment and Taxation

120. REPORT OF TAX COMMISSION, 1914--. 272 assessments in 1 steel file drawer.
Original certifications of assessments made by Arkansas Tax Commission of real and personal property owned in the county by public utilities, showing name of company, location of real and personal property according to political subdivision and taxing units in the county, assessed valuation, year of assessment, date certified, and signature of tax commissioner. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1914-37; tpf., 1938--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

121. PERSONAL TAX BOOKS, 1909-16. 8 vols. (dated). Prior records not found. Titles vary slightly.
Tax rolls of personal property, showing numbers of receipt book and re-

ceipt, name of property owner, address, date tax paid, description of personal property, valuation of various items of personal property, total valuation, penalty assessed for delinquency, if any, valuation as equalized, numbers of school and road districts, State, county, general, school, and total taxes. Arr. alph. by political twp. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 179 pp. 18 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

122. PERSONAL TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914. 4 vols. (dated). No other records found. Titles vary slightly.

Record of personal property assessments, showing name of owner, those persons required to pay poll tax, number and value of livestock, farm equipment, jewelry, stocks and bonds, moneys invested, total assessed value of all property, total value as equalized, numbers of school and road districts, assessor's penalty, and school penalty. Arr. alph. by political twp. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 178 pp. 17 x 14 x 2.

123. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TAX BOOKS, 1917--. 23 vols. (dated).

Record of personal property assessments and tax rolls, showing same items of information as entries 121 and 122. Arr. alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 182 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

124. REAL ESTATE TAX ASS(ess) M(en)T BOOK, 1909--. 16 vols. (dated). Prior records not found. Titles vary slightly.

Record of real estate assessments, showing name of property owner, legal description of property, number of acres improved and number of unimproved, value of land, value of improvements, total value numbers of road and school districts in which land is located. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf., 1909-32; tpf., 1933--. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 11 $3/4$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

125. REAL ESTATE TAX BOOK, 1881, 1886-99, 1907--. 53 vols. (dated). No other records found. Titles vary slightly.

Record of real estate tax, showing property owner's name, legal description of property, valuation, valuation as equalized, number of school district in which located, amount of school district tax, itemized listing of all taxes levied, total tax, tax receipt number, and when paid. Rural property arr. numer. by sec., twp. and r.; town property numer. by lot and block no. No index. Hpf., 1881, 1886-99, 1907-27; tpf., 1928--. Aver. 256 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

126. ASSESSMENT RECORD (Road Improvement District), 1919-26. 5 vols. (1, 1, 1, 1, 2). Titles vary slightly.

Record of assessments of property included in Road Improvement Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, which is taxed for the purpose of paying off improvement district bonds, showing name of landowner, legal description of property, present assessed valuation, assessed valuation with improvements added, amount of tax, and dates paid. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 110 pp. $18\frac{3}{4}$ x 18 x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

127. TAX BOOKS, RECEIPTS, ABSTRACTS, ETC., 1905--. 70 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

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Original receipts given by collector to county clerk for tax books. Abstracts of tax books, show name of property owner, legal description of property if real estate, separate listing of property assessed by Arkansas State Tax Commission, total valuation of personal property, and certificate of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1905-33; tpf., 1934--. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

Tax Collections

128. [TAX RECEIPT], 1879-1908. 20 instruments in 1 bundle. 1918 in (Circuit Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), entry 56. Original tax receipts, showing name of collector, year for which taxes were paid, receipt number, to whom issued, legal description of real property, valuation of real and personal property, amount of school and improvement district taxes, poll tax, penalties, total taxes, and date paid. Arr. numer. by tax receipt no. No index. Hpf. $9 \times 3 \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

129. RECORD OF TAX RECEIPTS, 1887-93, 1895-1918, 1920--. 71 vols. (dated). Titles vary slightly. Record of tax receipts, showing same items of information as entry 128. Arr. chron. by date issued and numer. thereunder by receipt no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 410 pp. Sizes vary from $18 \times 19\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ to $9 \times 12 \times 3$.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Sales

130. RECORD OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1931--. 1 vol. (1). Recorded list of persons who have not paid personal property taxes, showing name of owner, number of school district, number of persons liable to pay poll tax, special road tax, description and assessed value of property, years for which taxes are delinquent, and total taxes, penalty and costs. Arr. numer. by school district no. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of property owner. No index. Hph. 400 pp. $17 \times 15 \times 2$.

131. SALE OF DELINQUENT LANDS, 1876--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 2, 3). Record of lands designated to be sold for collection of delinquent taxes, showing name of owner, legal description of tract, valuation, years for which taxes are delinquent, total taxes, penalties and costs due, date sold, and name of purchaser. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hph. Aver. 300 pp. $18 \times 12 \times 3$.

132. [DELINQUENT LANDS OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT], 1923-26. 15 instruments in 1 bundle. List of delinquent lands in road tax district, showing name of landowner, legal description of property, valuation of land, number of road district, amount of taxes extended, State, county, general, school and road tax, amount of tax delinquent, date filed, and clerk's signature. Arr. numer. by road dist. no. No index. H. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$.

For record of delinquent taxes in road improvement districts 1, 3

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and 4, 1921-26, see entry 91.

133. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS AND STATE, 1889-1931, 1933--. 2 vols. (2, 3). 1932 in Sixteenth Section Lands, entry 156.

Record of lands sold to State for non-payment of taxes, showing amount of taxes delinquent, years for which delinquent, area and legal description of tract, total taxes, penalties and costs due. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hph. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 3.

134. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1906--. Est. 3,384 instruments in 6 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1935-36, in Redemption Certificate, entry 136.

Original certificates of purchase issued by sheriff as ex officio collector to persons buying land at tax sales, showing date of tax sale, description of property, amount of taxes, penalty and costs, to whom sold, and signature of collector. Also contains: Redemption certificates, 1908-10, and incidental filings, 1911-29, entry 136. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

135. (RECORD OF SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE), 1897-1901. In Deed Record, entry 20-21.

Record of sheriff's certificates of purchase, showing same items of information as entry 134.

136. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE, 1911--. Est. 2,238 instruments in 6 steel file drawers. 1908-10, and incidental filings, 1911-29, in Sheriff's Certificate of Purchase, entry 134; incidental filings, 1935, in Federal Crop Mortgages, entry 43; incidental filings, 1927, in Orders to Satisfy Records (Mortgages), entry 33.

Original redemption certificates, showing name of person redeeming land, date of redemption, legal description of property, date of sale, amount of taxes, penalty and costs, distribution of taxes, treasurer's receipt attached to and forming part of the redemption certificate, showing amount received, purpose for which money was paid, date of receipt, and signature of treasurer. Also contains: Incidental filings of official settlements, 1913-32, entry 10, and incidental filings of sheriff's certificates of purchase, 1935-36, entry 134. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

137. (RECORD OF REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE), 1873-1935. In Deed Record, entry 20-21.

Record of redemption certificates, showing same items of information as entry 136.

138. DELINQUENT LAND REDEEMED RECORD, 1892--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of lands redeemed after having been sold for taxes, showing name of party owning lands, redemption certificate number, description of lands, valuation, total tax, penalty and costs, date of sale, to whom sold, date redeemed, and by whom. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. H. Aver. 320 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 2 $3\frac{1}{4}$.

139. ABSTRACTS OF (Clerk's) TAX DEEDS, 1878--. 1 vol. (1). Listing of tax deeds issued by the county clerk to holders of sheriff's certificate of purchase, showing date of instrument, name of grantee, consideration, and legal description of property. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 240 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Elections

140. [CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' OATH], 1913-26. 92 instruments in 1 bundle. Original certificates of school directors' election, showing date of certificate, school district number, date election was held, name of director, number of years to serve, and signatures of judges. Director's oath shows name, address and signature of elected director, oath guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, school district number, date, and signature of county clerk. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. No index. Hpf. 11 x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1.

141. ELECTION PLEDGES, ETC., 1908--. 200 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Incidental filings, 1910, in (Estray Papers), entry 151. Original copies of corrupt practice certificates, and expense accounts filed by candidates. Corrupt practice certificates, executed by candidate stating that he has read and understands the conditions of Act 308 of the General Assembly of 1913 which limits the amount of money that can be spent in a campaign for office, showing name of candidate, name of office he is seeking, date, and acknowledgment. Expense accounts show name, address of candidate, name of office sought, itemized statement of expenses incurred during campaign, signature of candidate, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1908-23; t., 1924--. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 3/4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.

142. (CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION), 1907-12. In Grand Jury Witness Certificates, entry 64. Certificates issued by Secretary of State to county officials certifying their election, showing name of official, date of certificate, name of office to which elected or appointed, signature and seal of Secretary of State, and date filed.

143. VOTER'S RECORD, 1894--. 4 vols. (1-4). Record of official list of qualified voters, showing name and address of persons who have paid the poll tax and specifying townships in which they are eligible to vote. Arr. alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by surname of voter. No index. Hpf. Aver. 353 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Marriage

144. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1889-1926. Est. 903 instruments in 2 steel file drawers (dated). 1926-- , and incidental filings, 1903-25, in Marriage Affidavit and Bond, entry 145.

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Original marriage licenses, giving names, addresses and ages of contracting parties, date of license, signature and seal of clerk. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. No index. H., 1889-1915; t., 1916-26. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

145. MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT AND BOND, 1903--. Est. 6,100 instruments in 10 steel file drawers (7 drawers dated, 3 unlabeled). Original affidavits of persons applying for marriage license and marriage bonds. Affidavit shows name of man, his age, and address, name, age, and address of woman he intends to marry, date of affidavit, and signature of clerk. Bonds show name of principal and sureties, date of bond, name of contracting parties, and signature of principal and bondsmen. Also contains: Incidental filings of chancery court papers, 1922-23, entry 86; marriage licenses, 1926--, and incidental filings, 1903-25, entry 144. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1903-15; tpf., 1916--. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

146. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1873-74, 1889--. 9 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 3-10). 1875-88 not found. Titles vary slightly. Record of marriages consisting of marriage bond, affidavit of application for license, license, and certificate of marriage. License shows same items of information as entry 144. Marriage bond and affidavit of application shows same items of information as entry 145. Certificate of marriage shows name of person performing ceremony, date of ceremony, date of signing certificate, copy of signature of person performing ceremony, and record in which his credentials are recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. Hpf., 1873-74, 1889-1934; tpf., 1935--. Aver. 500 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Corporations

147. [ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION], 1909-31. 21 instruments in 1 bundle. Original incorporation papers, showing name of corporation, names of persons subscribing stock, amount subscribed, total amount of capital stock, place of business, articles and by-laws of the corporation, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1909-20; t., 1921-31. $8\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$ x 1.

148. (Record of) ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, 1886--. 2 vols. Record of articles of incorporation, showing same items of information as entry 147. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of corporation. H. Aver. 212 pp. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

149. RECORD OF BANK STOCK TRANSFERS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1). Record of transfer of bank stock, showing number of certificate, name and post office address of bank, names of president and cashier, name of person making transfer, number of shares transferred, date of transfer, name of assignee, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of stockholder. Hpf. 160 pp. $16\frac{1}{4}$ x $11\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

Professional Licenses

150. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS, 1881--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of licenses of physicians and surgeons, showing name, address, sex, and title of license, names of members of examining board, date of license, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hpf. 82 pp. 13 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Livestock

151. [ESTRAY PAPERS], 1905-20. 410 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original estray papers consisting of estray bonds, 1907-20, which show name of person holding livestock, amount of bond, date executed, conditions and terms of bond, approval by justice of the peace, and date filed; and proofs of publication of estray notices, 1905-8, showing name of paper in which notice was published, amount charged for publication, and publisher's affidavit of publication. Also contains: Incidental filings of county claims, 1910-20, entry 2; petitions, 1916-20, entry 6; incidental filings of official settlements, 1910-20, entry 10; incidental filings of notary public bonds, 1907-20, entry 49; incidental filings of grand and petit jury lists, 1920, entry 62; incidental filings of grand jury witness certificates, 1908-9, entry 64; subpoenas, 1918-19, entry 65; incidental filings of probate papers, 1913-20, entry 93; incidental filings of official transcripts, 1909-19, entry 112; incidental filings of election pledges, 1910, entry 141; road overseers' reports, 1916-20, entry 157, and incidental filings of appointments of deputies, 1905-19, entry 159. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1905-16; t., 1917-20. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{3}{4}$ x $13\frac{1}{4}$.

152. ESTRAY RECORD, 1883--. 1 vol.

Record of stray livestock taken up by individuals and reported to the county clerk by justices of the peace, showing name of justice of the peace, names of appraisers, appraised value of animal, total expense, name of person taking up stock, and notation if claimed by original owner. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by surname of person having possession of animal. Hph. 198 pp. $16\frac{1}{4}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

153. ESTRAY RECORD POSTERS, 1883--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of notices of stray animals that have been taken up by individuals and reported by justice of the peace to county clerk, showing date of notice, description and value of animal, name of person in possession of animal, date estray was taken up, when and where taken up, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of person having possession of animal. H. 198 pp. 18 x $11\frac{1}{4}$ x 1.

154. MARKS AND BRANDS RECORD, 1920--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled, 3).

Register of marks and brands used by livestock owners to establish ownership, showing facsimiles of the mark and brand, name and place of residence of owner, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hpf. Aver. 323 pp. 16 x 11

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x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Firearms

155. PISTOL AND MOTOR BOAT RECORD, 1923-24. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued. Law repealed in 1925.

Registration of pistol ownership, showing name, address, and age of owner, white or colored, school district number, kind of pistol, caliber number, dates of issuance and expiration of permit and permit number. No boats registered. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf. 161 pp. $16 \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{3}{4}$.

School Lands

156. SIXTEENTH SECTION LANDS, 1889-91, 1931-32. 1 vol.

Record of sales 16th section school lands, showing consideration, date of sale, name of purchaser, legal description of property, and cost of sale. Also contains: Record of delinquent lands sold, 1932, entry 133. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hpf. 362 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 18\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

Roads

157. ROAD OVERSEERS REPORT, 1911-15. 276 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. 1916-20 in (Estray Papers), entry 151.

Original reports of road overseers to county judge, showing number of miles in road district, number of workers subject to road duty, day worked for pay, amount paid, amount expended for materials and tools, total amount expended, conditions of roads and bridges, and signature of overseer. Arr. numer. by road no. No index. Hpf. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

158. ROAD RECORD, 1911-14. 1 vol. (1). 1915-- in County Court Record, entry 12.

Record of road district accounts, showing number of road district, name of overseer, date appointed, date term expires, amount appropriated for roads, numbers of warrants issued, purpose for which issued, amount, total of warrants issued, and balance on hand. Arr. numer. by road dist. No index. H. 404 pp. $18\frac{1}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2$.

Appointments

159. (APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTIES), 1905-37. In County Court (Papers), entry 1. Incidental filings, 1905-19, in (Estray Papers), entry 151; incidental filings, 1932-37, in [County Claims and Miscellaneous], entry 2.

Original papers of appointments of deputy county officers, showing name of appointee, name of office to which appointed, date appointed, and date filed.

160. (Record of) APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTIES, 1887--. 2 vols. (1,2). 1883 in Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of appointment of deputies, showing same items of information as entry 159. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of appointee. Hpf., 1887-1916; t., 1917--. Aver. 179 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

161. ENTRY BOOK (Transcription of U. S. Land Grants), 1835-68. 1 vol. Transcribed 1874.
Transcribed listing of all United States land patents filed in Bradley, Lincoln, Dallas, and Jefferson Counties, which affect titles of lands taken from these counties to form Cleveland County, showing date entered, name of owner, legal description of property, and remarks. Arr. numer. according to twp. and r. and chron. thereunder by date of grant. No index. H. 360 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XIX. TAX ASSESSOR

The act creating Cleveland County provided for the establishment of the office of tax assessor, in accordance with contemporary legislation, which set the term of office at 4 years (1). In 1874 it became a constitutional office. The assessor is chosen by the voters of the county for a term of 2 years. (2) The chief function of the office is the appraisal of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation. After the assessor has made up the tax books, he delivers them to the county clerk. (3)

The assessment records prepared by the assessor are turned over to the county clerk. See entries 121-126. Individual assessment lists, which furnish the information for the assessment record, usually are destroyed after the record is made.

162. ASSESSMENT LISTS, 1935--. Est. 7,600 instruments in 4 cardboard boxes. Prior records destroyed.
Original personal property assessment listing sheets, showing name of owner, address, township or ward, school and road district, description of taxable property, total assessed valuation, signature of owner, acknowledgment of tax assessor, and date filed. Arr. numer. by school dist. and alph. thereunder by property owner. No index. Hpf. Sizes vary from 7 x 18 x 22 to 12 x 14 x 15. 3 boxes, 1935-38 in vault; 1 box, 1939--, in assessor's office.

(1) A. Ark., 1868, p. 262; ibid., 1871, p. 137; ibid., 1873, pp. 134, 305.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(3) A. Ark., 1887, p. 160.

XX. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of equalization, established in 1883 (4), functioned until 1917, when it was supplanted by the township boards of assessment and valuation. The township board existed from 1917 (5), until 1929 (6). The tax assessor and two appointees of the county judge made up the township board. The appointments were for 1-year terms. (7) The re-established board of equalization consists of three members, appointed by the quorum court for 1 year (8). The board is required to equalize the tax assessor's valuations of taxable property (9). Appeals from the board's decisions may be taken to the circuit court, by either the owner of property or the board (10). The county clerk serves the board as clerk (11).

Records of the board are kept by the clerk in the vault. No records of the township boards were found.

163. [APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION], 1907-8. 3 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original appointment of members of board of equalization, showing names and addresses of appointees, date appointed, oath taken by board members, and signatures of county clerk and acting Governor of the State. Arr. chron. by date appointed. No index. T. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

164. EQUALIZATION BOARD RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol. (A).

Minutes of meetings of equalization board, showing date of meeting, name and address of property owner, and legal description of property, valuation as set by assessor, and valuation as set by board. Arr. chron. by date entered. No index. Tpf. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

XXI. TAX COLLECTOR

The office of tax collector in Cleveland County has been filled, at all times, in an ex officio capacity by the sheriff. (12) Upon receipt of the tax books from the county clerk, the collector collects all ad valorem taxes (13), for the State, county, municipalities, school districts, improvement districts, the per capita school, road and poll taxes (14),

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- (4) A. Ark., 1883, p. 245.
(5) Ibid., 1917, II, 1238-1239.
(6) Ibid., 1929, II, 841.
(7) Ibid., 1917, II, 1239.
(8) Ibid., 1929, II, 865.
(9) Ibid., 1883, pp. 245-247.
(10) Ibid., 1911, p. 191.

- (11) Ibid., 1929, II, 841.
(12) A. Ark., 1868, p. 326; Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
(13) A. Ark., 1935, spec. sess., p. 62.
(14) Ibid., 1911, p. 469; ibid., 1913, p. 159.

and delinquent taxes (15).

Records of tax collections are in the custody of the county clerk. See entries 128-138.

XXII. COUNTY TREASURER

The office of county treasurer was not provided for by the Constitution of 1868; however, the General Assembly of that year enacted a law providing for the election of a treasurer (16). The Constitution of 1874 continued the office and made the treasurer ex officio treasurer of the common school fund of the county. His term of office is 2 years. He is the custodian of the county and school funds, and the disbursing officer for the county and the school districts. (17) He also serves as treasurer of the county textbook board (18).

The treasurer's records are housed in the vault, unless otherwise shown in the entries.

Financial

Receipts

165. (TREASURER'S RECEIPT TO CONSTABLES), 1926-27. In Commitment for Fine and Costs, entry 92.

Carbon copies of treasurer's receipts to constables, showing date of receipt, name of constable and township in which he serves, amount, and sources of collection, period covered, and signature of treasurer.

166. TREASURER'S RECEIPT BOOK, 1934--. 1 vol.

Treasurer's book of duplicate receipts for moneys received from sheriff, equalizing fund and department of education, showing date of receipt, amount, by whom paid, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hpf. 750 pp. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 17 x 2.

Accounts

167. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT REGISTER, 1902--. 6 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled, 4 dated).

Record of treasurer's general account, showing subdivision of funds, amounts received, disbursements, to whom paid, for what purpose, and balance in various funds. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of fund and

(15) A. Ark., 1883, p. 262.
(16) A. Ark., 1868, p. 326.

(17) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
(18) A. Ark., 1937, p. 1100.

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chron. thereunder by entry date. No index. H., 1902-18; hpf., 1919--. Aver. 470 pp. Sizes vary from 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 14 x 2. 4 vols. 1902-28, in vault; 2 vols. 1929--, in treas. off.

168. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS (With School Districts), 1884--. 9 vols. (1-4, 5 vols. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.

Financial accounts with various school districts, showing date of entry, receipts, warrant number and to whom issued, teachers' salaries, items entered, statistical summary, showing names of directors, post office addresses, date elected, date qualified, date of expiration of term, teacher's name, age, sex, and color, grade of certificate, date of contract, length of school term, salaries, and dates school opened and closed. Arr. numer. by school dist, no. and chron. thereunder by entry date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 398 pp. Sizes vary from 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 x 12 x 2. 5 vols. 1884-1922, in vault; 4 vols. 1923--, in treas. off.

Warrants

169. CANCELLED PAID WARRANTS, 1932--. Est. 10,000 instruments in 3 cardboard boxes, 1 steel lock box (dated).
Original canceled warrants issued by county clerk and paid by treasurer, showing warrant number, district number, date issued, to whom, on what account, when paid, book and page of record entry, and county clerk's signature. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf., 1932-35; tpf., 1936--. Cardboard boxes, $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$; lock box, $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 12.

170. TREASURER'S ABSTRACT OF WARRANTS REDEEMED, 1929--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of county warrants redeemed and canceled by the county treasurer, showing warrant number, to whom issued, amount and date, account upon which drawn, by whom delivered, date delivered, dates redeemed and canceled. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. 201 pp. $18\frac{1}{4}$ x 13 x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

171. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1907--. 3 vols. (2, 3, 1 vol. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.
Record of school warrants issued, showing warrant number, date presented, register number, by whom drawn, upon what fund, in whose favor, for what purpose, amount of warrant, date paid, and to whom. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 1 vol. 1907-23, in vault; 2 vols. 1923--, in treas. off.

172. NUMERICAL REGISTER SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1898-1928. 1 vol. (1).
Numerical listing of school warrants, showing number, amount, and date of warrant, to whom issued, date registered, and date paid or canceled. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

School Contracts

173. TEACHERS' CONTRACTS, 1936--. 877 instruments in 1 wooden file box. 1934-35, and incidental filings, 1936--, in [County Examiner's Files], entry 176.
Original employment contracts between school districts and teachers,

showing school district number, teacher's name, kind of license held, length of school term, date of beginning of school term, monthly salary, and signatures of directors and teacher. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. Hpf. 11 x 12 x 16.

XXIII. DIRECTOR OF COUNTY AUDITS

The General Assembly of 1931 created the office of director of county audits and specified that it be filled by the State Comptroller (1). Prior to this time the auditing of county accounts had been delegated to the commissioners of accounts. This board, created by the General Assembly of 1885, consisted of three members, whom the circuit judge appointed for 1 year. (2)

The State Comptroller is appointed by the Governor for a 6-year term (3). As director of county audits, he is empowered to prescribe and require the installation of systems of bookkeeping or accounting for all county and township offices, as nearly uniform as is possible, considering the needs of the respective counties (4).

Copies of audits made by this official are filed with the county clerk. See entry 115. Records of the commissioners of accounts were found in the vault.

174. [COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS REPORTS], 1916-28. 2 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original reports to circuit court of audits of various offices made by commissioners of accounts, showing date of report, name of office audited and official, itemized statement of receipts and disbursements and other pertinent information, signature of commissioner, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of official settlements, 1916, entry 10. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{8}$.

175. COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS RECORD, 1925-28. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued 1928.

Record of annual report of commissioners of accounts, showing office audited, itemized statement of debits and credits, and signature of commissioner. Arr. alph. by name of office audited. No index. Hpf. 320 pp. 16 x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

(1) A. Ark., 1931, p. 120.

(2) Ibid., 1885, p. 78.

(3) Ibid., 1917, II, 1331.

(4) Ibid., 1931, p. 119.

Board of Registration;
County Examiner of Schools

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XXIV. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The county board of election commissioners was created by the General Assembly of 1891 and authorized to supervise all general and special elections (1). The board is composed of three members appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners not more than 90 nor less than 30 days before each general election. The commissioners serve 2 years (2). It is the duty of the county board to appoint three judges of election for each voting precinct in the county and make a record of such appointments, canvass and certify election results, and file same with the county clerk (3).

Records of the appointments of the board of election commissioners will be found in entry 142.

XXV. BOARD OF REGISTRATION (Defunct)

The board of registration was authorized by the General Assembly of 1868, to supervise elections and pass upon the eligibility of voters. The Governor, with the approval of the Senate, appointed three electors to serve for 2 years as a board of registration. (4) It was rendered inactive by an act of the General Assembly of 1874 (5), and passed out of existence when the Constitution of 1874 made no provisions for its continuance.

No records of this board were found in Cleveland County.

XXVI. COUNTY EXAMINER OF SCHOOLS

At the time of the creation of Cleveland County, the chief educational officer of the county was the county superintendent of schools (6), who was supplanted in 1875 by the county examiner of schools (7). The examiner continued to hold Supervisory control over the public schools of the county until 1919 when the General Assembly abolished the office. In its place, there was created a county board of education composed of five members, elected to serve 5-year terms. The chief function of the board was the selection of a county superintendent of schools.

(1) A. Ark., 1891, p. 32.

(2) Ibid., p. 33; ibid., 1931, p. 1119; ibid., 1935, p. 426.

(3) Ibid., 1931, p. 117.

(4) Ibid., 1868, pp. 51, 57.

(5) Ibid., 1874, p. 5.

(6) Ibid., 1873, p. 397.

(7) Ibid., 1875, p. 67.

The county superintendent of schools, thus selected, served a 2-year term.
(8)

The 1933 session of the General Assembly once more abolished the office of county superintendent of schools and county board of education and re-created the office of county examiner of schools. At present the county examiner, after being endorsed by a majority of the school teachers of the county, is appointed by the county judge for a term of 2 years. The examiner has general supervision of the public school system of the county and is required to hold examinations for persons making application for licenses to teach school. (9) The examiner serves as executive secretary of the county textbook board (10).

The records of the office are housed in the examiner's office. Records of the board of education are shown in entry 178. See also entry 173.

176. [COUNTY EXAMINER'S FILES], 1934--. Est. 927 instruments in 1 steel file cabinet, 1 wooden file cabinet. 1926 in County Court (Papers), entry 1.

Original papers kept by county examiner consisting of: Reports of teachers, 1934--; assignment cards for free textbooks, 1934--; book reports of schools, 1939--; school registers and teachers' annual report, 1934--; literature on teachers' examinations, 1936, and school election returns, 1934--. Also contains: Teachers' contracts, 1934-35, and incidental filings, 1936--, entry 173. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Steel file cabinet, $49\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ x $25\frac{1}{2}$; wooden file cabinet, 51 x $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 24 .

177. [LIST OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS], 1921-29. 15 instruments in 1 bundle.

Original lists of school directors, showing date of election, names and addresses of directors, term of years each is to serve, district number, signature of superintendent of school, date filed, and clerk's signature. Also contains: Petitions, 1921-28, entry 6; coroner's inquisitions, 1929, entry 61. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. 3 x 7 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

178. COUNTY EDUCATIONAL BOARD RECORD, 1921--. 1 vol.

Record of proceedings of county board of education, 1921-33, showing dates of meetings, members attending, and business transacted. Also contains: Proceedings in county court concerning school districts, 1934--, entry 12. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. H. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 13 .

(8) Ibid., 1919, Gen. p. 178;
Ibid., 1931, p. 494.

(9) Ibid., 1933, p. 496.
(10) Ibid., 1937, p. 1100.

XXVII. COUNTY TEXTBOOK BOARD

The General Assembly of 1937 provided that the county judge, county examiner of schools, and the county treasurer serve as county textbook board. The county judge is chairman, the examiner is executive secretary, and the treasurer is treasurer of the board. The chief functions of the board are to provide adequate storage for the free textbooks issued the county, and to properly distribute them to the several school districts within the county. (1)

Records of this board are kept by the county examiner of schools; see entry 176.

XXVIII. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The General Assembly of 1875 authorized election of school directors by the electorate of the several school districts in the county, to supplant the simultaneously abolished office of school trustee (2). In a general revision of the school laws, the General Assembly of 1935 set up the present system. Rural school districts elect three directors who serve 3-year terms; school districts in incorporated cities and towns elect six directors, two of whom are elected each year to serve 3-year terms, and all other districts elect five directors who serve 5-year terms. (3) The school directors select teachers for the schools within their district, and are the official custodians of all school property (4).

Records of the election of school directors will be found in entries 162 and 177.

XXIX. LIBRARY (Work Projects Administration)

Cleveland County sponsored a Work Projects Administration library and furnished quarters for it in the courthouse, until April, 1941, when the unit was closed. The library operated under direction of the State-wide Library Project, No. 7190-9.

Although the library is closed, all books and records are intact.

(1) A. Ark., 1937, p. 1100.

(2) A. Ark., 1875, p. 73.

(3) Ibid., 1935, p. 68.

(4) Ibid., 1931, p. 476.

County Board of Medical
Examiners; Health Unit

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179. FILE CATALOG, 1935--. 2 wooden file boxes.
Union Catalog of library books, showing title of book, name of author, library identification number, and location of volume. Arr. alph. by name of author. No index. T. $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 9.

180. REGISTRATION CARD FILE, 1935--. 1 wooden file box.
Registration card file, showing name and address of person who has registered as borrower, registration number, and date registered. Arr. alph. by name of borrower. No index. Tpf. $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 9.

181. ACCESSION FILE, 1935--. 1 wooden file box.
Record of books purchased by, or donated to library, showing date received, accession number, author, title or volume, publisher, year, source, net cost, and notation as to whether book is a gift or purchase. Arr. numer. by book no. No index. T. 3 x 5 x 12.

182. RECORD OF BOOKS LOANED, 1935--. 1 wooden file box.
Record of books loaned, showing date issued, date due, author, title, accession number of book, and name of borrower. Arr. chron. by date due and alph. thereunder by name of author. No index. Hpf., 1935-38; tpf., 1939--. 3 x 5 x 12.

XXX. COUNTY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1881 authorized the county judge to appoint a county board of medical examiners, to consist of three members who were to serve 4-year terms. The chief functions of the board were the examination of applicants to practice medicine or surgery, and the issuance of licenses to successful candidates. (1) The board was abolished in 1893 and its duties assigned to a simultaneously created State Board of Medical Examiners (2).

No records of this board were found in Cleveland County.

XXXI. HEALTH UNIT

The public health program functions in Cleveland County under regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health which are prescribed in accordance with provisions of an act of the General Assembly of 1913. Under these provisions, a county may join with one or more contiguous

(1) A. Ark., 1881, p. 42.

(2) Ibid., 1893, p. 333.

counties in the establishment of a district health unit. (3) Cleveland County, together with Bradley and Lincoln form District No. 1. The personnel, which is selected by the State Board of Health, with the approval of the county judges, consists of a medical director who serves the entire district and a county health nurse and sanitarian for each county. The necessary clerical assistants are selected by the director. (4)

Records of the unit are kept in the county health nurse's office.

183. GENERAL REPORT, 1937--. 450 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Copies of weekly and monthly reports to the State Department of Health by the county health officer, showing work done in the county and district. These reports cover vital statistics, record of communicable diseases, record of quarantines, requests for and reports of maternity nursing service, reports of field visits of health officers, tuberculin tests given, treatment and hospitalization of crippled children, Red Cross activities, operation of midwives, and aid in promoting hygiene for school children and adults. Arr. alph. by type of report and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 25.

184. LABORATORY SPECIMEN FILE, 1937--. 300 instruments in 1 wooden file drawer. Record of laboratory tests of specimens sent to State laboratory for examination, showing name and address of attending physician, date, name, address, occupation, color, and sex of patient, kind of test, and results. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 188. T. 8 x 5 x 18.

185. SCHOOL AND INFANT AND PRESCHOOL FILE, 1937--. 680 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Record of school, infant, and preschool case histories, showing name, sex, age, color, address, names of father and mother, date of birth, attendant at delivery, prenatal care, delivery, immunizations, and clinical tests with dates, disease experience with dates, physical examinations with dates, general health habits, feeding, and service rendered with comments on progress, dates and number of visits made, and worker's initials. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of child. For index, see entry 188. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 25.

186. IMMUNIZATION FILE, 1937--. 750 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Record of tests and immunizations given to individuals, showing name, age, address, sex, color, school, and name of parents of client, kind of immunizations or tests, date treatment given, remarks, and results. Arr. alph. by client's name. For index, see entry 188. H., 1937-38; t.,

(3) A. Ark., 1913, p. 354.

Report, 1940.

(4) Arkansas State Board of Health,

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Public Welfare

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1939--. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 25.

187. FAMILY FOLDER, 1937--. 377 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. General medical record of family whose name appears on folder, showing name, address, age, and sex of each member of family, living conditions, history of tests, and treatment of entire family. Arr. alph. by family name. For index, see entry 188. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 25.

188. INDIVIDUAL INDEX, 1937--. 1,900 cards in 1 steel file drawer. A card file index to Laboratory Specimen File, entry 184; School and Infant and Preschool File, entry 185; Immunization File, entry 186; and Family Folder, entry 187, showing name, address, date of birth, sex and color, name of parents, and type of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 25.

XXXII. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The County department of public welfare as it exists today was authorized by legislative enactment in 1935 (1). The law was re-enacted in 1937 (2), and again in 1939. The State Board of Public Welfare appoints a county board, of five members, who are nominated by five constitutional officers of the county. County board appointments are for 5 years, and the board, in turn, selects the county welfare director who has general supervision of the department. The county department of public welfare is composed of the county board and the county director. The board has general supervision of the program set up by the State Board, and the director is administrative officer. The department exercises general control over applications for and granting of relief. (3)

Records of the agency are kept in the office, unless otherwise designated.

Applications

189. [BLIND PENSION APPLICATIONS], 1931-32. 11 applications in 1 bundle.

Original applications of blind persons for pension, showing name and address of applicant, names of nearest relatives, date and place of birth, whether married or single, number of years resided in the county, amount of income, if any, description of property, if any, and affidavit as to correctness of questionnaire. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of

(1) A. Ark., 1935, p. 55.

(2) Ibid., 1937, p. 152.

(3) Ibid., 1939, pp. 255, 655.

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applicant. No index. Tpf. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$.

190. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED, RELIEF, 1936--. Est. 450 folders in 3 metal file drawers (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Original approved applications for aid to dependent children, blind pensions, old age pensions, and general relief, showing form number, date, name of applicant, case number, report of investigation, and date approved. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 200. Tpf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 17$.

191. APPLICATION FOR AID - CLOSED CASES, 1936--. Est. 600 folders in 4 steel file drawers. Original relief applications in which cases are closed, showing date, name of case worker, name and address of applicant, names and ages of members of household, kind and amount of property owned by applicant, facts relative to insurance, pensions and other benefits, and description of all debts. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 200. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 17$.

192. REGISTER OF RELIEF APPLICATIONS, 1935--. 1 vol. Registration of applicants for relief, other than CCC enrollees, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, date of approval or rejection, and amount of grant. Arr. chron. by application date. For index, see entry 200. H. 104 pp. $18 \times 12 \times \frac{3}{4}$.

193. W(ork) P(rojects) A(dministration) LABOR ASSIGNMENTS AND DISCHARGES, 1936. 1,499 instruments in 1 wooden file box. Discontinued in 1936. Original applications for WPA assignments and copies of forms 402 and 403. Form 402, notice to report for work, shows name and address of worker, identification number, sex, race, and classification, project number, place of assignment, time to report for work, number of hours to work, signatures of placement officer, employee and foreman. Form 403, notice of termination of employment, signature of person issuing and approving order. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. T. $4 \times 5 \times 12$.

194. REGISTER OF CERTIFICATION WPA, 1939--. 1 vol. Register of applicants for WPA work relief, showing name and address of applicant, case number, date of investigation, report and name of investigator, and acceptance or rejection of applicant. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. For index, see entry 200. H. 16 pp. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

195. [REGISTER OF CCC APPLICATION], 1936--. 1 vol. Register of applicants for service in CCC, showing name and address of applicant, date, and eligibility, date of approval or rejection, head of family, and classification. Arr. chron. by application date and alph. thereunder by applicant's name. No index. H. 200 pp. $22 \times 12 \times 2$.

196. (Record of) CCC (Enrollments and Discharges), 1936--. 308 instruments in 1 wooden file box. Service record of CCC enrollees, showing name, age and address of en-

rollee, date of enrollment, and date of discharge. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of enrollee. For index, see entry 200. T. 8 x 4 x 4.

Visitation

197. RECORD OF VISITS, 1936--. Est. 1,352 instruments in 4 metal file drawers.

Card record of visits made by case workers, showing name and address of client, date of visit and signature of case worker, members of household. Reverse side of card shows dates of visits, classification of client, commodities furnished, status of worker, and remarks. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 200. H. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 17.

Grants

198. RECORD OF OLD AGE GRANTS - CONTROL LEDGER, 1936--. 1 vol. Record of relief clients receiving combined State and Federal old age grants, showing name and address of client, proof of age, client's signature, and verification of signature. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client and chron. thereunder by date paid. No index. Hpf. 422 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

Financial

199. REGISTER OF CHECKS ISSUED, 1937--. 1 vol. Record of checks issued each month by county welfare board to relief clients between the ages of 16 and 65, showing name of applicant, number of check, amount, balance cash of welfare fund on hand assigned by State. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client and chron. thereunder by date of check. No index. H. 142 pp. 12 x 7 x 2.

Index

200. CARD INDEX FILE, 1935--. Est. 985 cards in 2 metal file boxes. Card index to Applications Accepted, Relief, 1936--, entry 190; Application For Aid - Closed Cases, 1936--, entry 191; Register of Relief Applications, 1935--, entry 192; Register of Certification WPA, 1939--, entry 194; [Record of CCC Enrollments and Discharges], 1936--, entry 196; and Record of Visits, 1936--, entry 197, showing name of client, and nature of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. T. 8 x 4 x 4.

XXXIII. CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD

The General Assembly of 1891 created the Confederate pension board

and specified that its members should consist of the county judge, county clerk, and sheriff (1). This provision was altered in 1901 when the county judge was authorized to appoint three members to serve on the board, for a term of 2 years (2). The Arkansas State Welfare Department was given general supervision of the Confederate pension fund by the 1939 General Assembly and county boards were rendered inactive (3).

Records of the board are housed in the vault.

201. LEDGER (Old Age Pensions), 1905-38. 1 vol. (1).
Record of proceedings of pension board, showing date of meeting, members of board, lists of applications for old age pensions examined, name and address of applicant, whether pension allowed or disallowed, amount allowed, and list of pension checks received from State Auditor, showing name of pensioner, number and amount of check, to whom mailed, and date mailed. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pensioner. H. 598 pp. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 2.

XXIV. COUNTY SURVEYOR

The Constitution of 1868 made no provision for the office of surveyor; therefore, statutory provision was made to sustain the office (4). It became a constitutional office in 1874. The surveyor is elected for a term of 2 years.(5) He is required to execute all orders directed to him by any court of record for the survey or resurvey of any tract of land; to survey any public or private boundary line; and to accompany viewers of roads for the purpose of running or measuring any proposed new road (6). He has served as ex officio timber inspector since 1901 (7).

No separate records for this office were found.

202. (CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY), 1873-1937. In Deed Record, entry 20-21.
Record of certificate of surveyor that he has faithfully and impartially surveyed land, showing name of surveyor, tract of land surveyed, date, plat, copy of surveyor's signature, date filed, and recording certificate,

(1) A. Ark., 1891, p. 162.
(2) Ibid., 1901, p. 86.
(3) Ibid., 1939, p. 512.
(4) Ibid., 1868, p. 326.

(5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
(6) Rev. Stat., p. 219.
(7) A. Ark., 1901, p. 203.

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XXXV. TIMBER INSPECTOR

Timber inspection was the duty of the State Timber Inspector, a position filled in an ex officio capacity by the State Land Commissioner (1), until 1901 when the office of county timber inspector was created by the General Assembly, and made an ex officio function of the county surveyor (2). The timber inspector is required to put his mark and the mark of the owner of all logs, lumber, or timber on any estimate he is required to make, and to make and keep a record thereof for the purpose of establishing legal ownership of logs, lumber, or timber that may be involved in a sale or transfer of title (3).

No records were found in Cleveland County.

XXXVI. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AGENTS

County Farm Agent

Agricultural extension work, as it exists at present, was authorized by legislation in 1915. The General Assembly enacted a law that enabled Arkansas to participate in the benefits of the Congressional Smith-Lever Act, passed in 1914. The Federal Extension Service, with the approval of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, appoints the county farm agent. His term of office is indefinite, but re-appointments must be made annually. (4)

Home Demonstration Agent

The office of home demonstration agent was authorized by the same act which set up the county farm agent's office. The same agencies make the appointments. The home demonstration agent is appointed for an indefinite term, but must have her appointment reaffirmed each year. (4)

Records of the two agents are housed in their offices.

Correspondence

203. COUNTY AGENT'S CORRESPONDENCE, 1935--. Est. 3,513 instruments in 4 steel file drawers.
Letters of instructions from the departments connected with demonstration work, information on activities, such as county fairs and club meet-

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- (1) A. Ark., 1883, p. 144. sec. 46; A. Ark., p.
(2) Ibid., 1901, p. 203. 203.
(3) Const. 1874, art. VII, (4) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078.

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ings, and reports and miscellaneous letters received by county agent. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of correspondent and chron. thereunder by date of letter. T. 10 x 13 x 18.

204. HOME AGENT'S CORRESPONDENCE, 1935--. 456 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Letters of instruction from the various departments connected with home demonstration work, and miscellaneous letters. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent and chron. thereunder by date of letter. No index. T. 10 x 13 x 18.

Reports

205. REPORTS, 1935--. 1, 352 reports in 1 steel file drawer. Carbon copies of monthly reports of county extension agents sent to State office, containing records and achievements, expenses, facts and figures, number of State meetings, county meetings and attendance, and summary of activities of county extension agents. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1935-37; t., 1938--. 10 x 13 x 18.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration

206. A(gricultural) A(djustment) A(dministration) CORRESPONDENCE, 1939--. 120 folders in 1 metal file drawer. Correspondence concerning Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Arr. chron. by date of letter and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of correspondent. No index. T. 11½ x 14 x 24.

207. GRANT OF AID FILE, 1940--. 500 applications in 1 steel file drawer. Applications of farmers for aid under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program, asking for seeds, lime, phosphate, and such to improve the soil for production, and farming implements needed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. H. 11½ x 14 x 24.

208. 1934-35 B(ankhead) A(ct) COTTON PRICE REPORTS-BALLOTS, ETC., 1934--. 21 instruments in 1 steel file drawer (dated). Cotton reports by farmers to officials of Agricultural Adjustment Administration showing amount of cotton produced and ginned in the county, name of producer, name and number of gin, list of cotton prices for each year, and ballots, showing names of persons voting for the Bankhead Act. Arr. alph. by name of gin. No index. H. 11½ x 13½ x 22½.

209. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF COTTON PRODUCERS, 1939--. Est. 2,200 cards in 2 steel file drawers (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Card record of producers of cotton who are complying with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program, showing name and address of producer, number of farms included in the program, names and addresses of tenants, and signature of landowner. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of producer. No index. Tpf. 4 x 4 x 8.

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210. SR-402's-MARKETING QUOTA REGULATIONS, 1937--. 21 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Acreage adjustment contracts made by farmers in accordance with SR-402's under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, showing farm products to be raised, and ways and means by which they are to be produced and marketed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of farmer. No index. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

211. WORK SHEET NUMBERS, 1937--. Est. 1,422 instruments in 8 steel file drawers (labeled by contained work sheet nos.).

Work sheets of farmers who are complying with the AAA program, showing name of landowner, address, description and location of farm, direction and distance from office, acres of crop land on the farm, and names of tenant farmers. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of farmer and number, thereunder by work sheet no. No index. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

212. LAND USE FORMS, 1940--. 1,422 instruments in 1 steel file drawer (dated).

Printed forms with information filled in by crop reporter who measures land for the year designated, showing name of operator, number of acres planted in cotton, corn, hay, etc. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of operator. No index. Hpf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

213. 1940 PERFORMANCE, 1940--. 16 folders in 1 steel file drawer (dated).

Receipts for aerial photographs of the county used by AAA office for measuring acreage, information used by measuring supervisor, list of names and addresses of measuring supervisors or reporters, and regulations required by the AAA. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

214. CHECK RECEIPT, 1935--. 2,200 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Lists of checks sent by Agricultural Adjustment Administration for distribution to employees, showing check number, date and amount, name of party to whom issued, signature of issuing officer, and signature of party receiving check. Arr. numer. by check no. No index. Tph. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

215. PAYROLL PERIOD, 1939--. 75 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Listing of Agricultural Adjustment Administration's employees, showing name and address of each employee, rate of pay, number of days worked, and amount paid. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of employee. No index. T. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x 24.

Farm Security Administration

216. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1937--. 90 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

General correspondence file containing letters from Washington and the State office of Farm Security Administration, and matters pertaining to clients associated in the Farm Security Administration program. Arr. chron. by dates, alph. thereunder by subject matter. No index. Type-

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written and printed matter. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$.

217. ADMINISTRATION-FINANCE-REHABILITATION, ACTIVE CLIENTS, 1935--.

Est. 5,000 instruments in 7 steel file drawers.

Administration of Farm Security Administration consists of procedures of organization, method of handling clients, and instructions. Finance shows payrolls of employees, salary of each, and expenses of office operation. Case records of each active client under the rural rehabilitation program, showing yearly productions, payments, mortgages, canceled checks, number of acres in cultivation each year, amount of stock, cattle, and farm equipment owned. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client and alph. thereunder by subject matter. Tpf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$.

218. TRANSFER, 1935--. 85 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Original transfers of Farm Security Administration's clients from one farm to another for the current year, showing client's name, date of transfer, location from which transferred, location to which transferred, and supervisor's signature. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. T. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$.

Activities

219. 4-H CLUB, 1938--. Est. 120 folders in 4 steel file drawers.

Record of 4-H Club members kept in individual folders, containing application and membership card, project record book, permanent record, showing name and address of member, date of birth, name of parent or guardian, kind of project, size of project, work done, value, cost, net profit or loss, notation if project not completed, and why, grade in school, outstanding achievements, offices held, special awards, 4-H Club trips made, and remarks. Arr. alph. by club name and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of member. No index. Hpf. $10 \times 13 \times 18$.

220. PERMANENT FARM AND HOME RECORD, 1935--. 150 cards in 1 steel file drawer.

Card record of participation of farm family and individual members in activities advocated by extension agents. Permanent home record, shows names, address, and ages of wife and children, description of house and home garden, major practices and activities, and boys and girls in 4-H Clubs. Permanent farm record, shows name, age, and address of farmer, whether owner or tenant, size of farm, type of farming, membership in organization, and major practice adopted and activities conducted. Arr. alph. by name of community and alph. thereunder by name of family. No index. Hpf., 1935-37; tpf., 1938--. $10 \times 13 \times 18$.

LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY JUDGES

John Faucett, 1874-1876	E. A. McMurtrey, 1908-1912
W. P. Stephens, 1876-1878	J. N. Hunter, 1912-1914
L. F. Oaks, 1878-1882	W. E. Galloway, 1914-1919
J. H. Bridges, 1882-1884	Jno. T. Haskins, 1919-1921
J. M. McCaskill, 1884-1888	N. A. McKinney, 1921-1925
J. F. Johnson, 1888-1896	R. L. Foster, 1925-1927
Woodson Moseley, 1896-1900	E. L. McLendon, 1927-1931
S. T. Morgan, Jr., 1900-1902	Rufus Smith, 1931-1935
Jas. G. Mosley, 1941--	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jas. R. McCullough, 1873-1874	Jas. H. Bridges, 1873-1874
Joseph Gray, 1873-1874	

CIRCUIT JUDGES
(10th Judicial Circuit)

Henry P. Morse, 1873-1874	M. L. Hawkins, 1893-1898
D. W. Carroll, 1874-1874	Z. T. Wood, 1898-1906
T. F. Sorrells, 1874-1882	H. W. Wells, 1906-1914
John M. Bradley, 1882-1886	Turner Butler, 1914-1929
C. D. Wood, 1886-1893	Patrick Henry, 1929-1935
Geo. C. Shell, 1893-1893	Duval L. Perkins, 1935--

CHANCERY JUDGES

John M. Elliott, 1899-1925	Harvey R. Lucas, 1925-1936
H. T. Wooldridge, 1936--	

List of County Officials

CIRCUIT CLERKS (EX OFFICIO COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK;
EX OFFICIO RECORDER; EX OFFICIO CHANCERY CLERK)

Henri Heamentrea, 1873-1874	P. H. Holmes, 1898-1904
E. P. Marks, 1874-1876	J. M. McMurtrey, 1904-1910
A. D. Rogers, 1876-1878	John T. Hoskins, 1910-1916
J. T. Renfrow, 1878-1884	M. F. Stanfield, 1916-1919
N. D. Holmes, 1884-1888	E. L. McLendon, 1919-1927
Woodson Mosely, 1888-1890	Weaver Thornmasson, 1927-1929
N. D. Holmes, 1890-1892	B. W. Thomason, 1929-1933
Woodson Mosely, 1892-1896	James G. Mosley, 1933-1935
N. B. Chowning, 1896-1898	Calvin Walker, 1935-1937

Henry Young, 1937--

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
(10th Judicial Circuit)

W. M. McGehee, 1873-1874	B. L. Herring, 1906-1908
J. C. Barrow, 1874-1882	Paul Matlock, 1908-1910
C. D. Wood, 1882-1886	R. W. Wilson, 1910-1914
M. L. Hawkins, 1886-1888	E. L. Compere, 1914-1919
R. C. Fuller, 1888-1892	J. R. Wilson, 1919-1923
H. W. Wells, 1892-1898	D. A. Bradham, 1923-1931
W. R. Quinney, 1898-1901	Geo. H. Holmes, 1931-1937
T. B. Morton, 1901-1902	Will J. Irvin, 1937-1939
H. W. Wells, 1902-1906	John M. Golden, 1939--

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Wm. P. Stephens, 1874-1875

SHERIFFS (EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTORS)

Stephen W. McLeod, 1873-1874	S. S. Dykes, 1902-1904
Ed Kendall, 1874-1876	John B. Jones, 1904-1904
A. D. Rogers, 1876-1878	J. E. Moore, 1904-1910
W. W. Carmical, 1878-1880	H. N. Robertson, 1910-1914
H. W. Rogers, 1880-1886	Jno. T. Haskins, 1914-1919
L. A. Waldrop, 1886-1890	Jno. E. Smith, 1919-1923
M. M. Smith, 1890-1894	Dave Cash, 1923-1927
S. S. Dykes, 1894-1900	Jno. E. Smith, 1927-1929
B. T. Brewer, 1900-1900	C. R. Morrison, 1929-1935
J. T. Renfro, 1900-1902	T. H. Glover, 1935--

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CORONERS

Edward Hobson, 1873-1873	T. T. Daniel, 1892-1894
Edward M. Orton, 1873-1874	R. G. Smith, 1894-1896
Wm. Cash, 1874-1880	W. D. Attwood, 1896-1904
D. C. Tomme, 1880-1884	J. W. Ellrod, 1904-1906
W. D. Attwood, 1884-1886	Lee Hamilton, 1908-1910
J. R. McWilliams, 1886-1888	J. Richey, 1910-1929
W. H. Barnett, 1888-1890	Tom Sadler, 1929-1933
H. L. Martin, 1890-1892	Carter Hartsell, 1933-1937
	R. T. Buie, 1937--

TAX ASSESSORS

C. B. Atwood, 1873-1873	Rufus Smith, 1906-1910
G. M. Marks, 1874-1874	T. Oscar Stewart, 1910-1914
C. B. Atwood, 1874-1880	J. A. Brown, 1914-1919
R. A. Tucker, 1880-1892	T. Oscar Stewart, 1919-1923
W. J. Glover, 1892-1898	John Garlington, 1923-1927
W. L. Overton, 1898-1902	Lonnie Lee Harris, 1927-1933
R. A. Tucker, 1902-1906	Marvin W. Reed, 1933-1939
	L. L. Harris, 1939--

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

George W. McLeod, 1883-1885	G. C. Attwood, 1885-1889
S. T. Morgan, 1883-1885	M. M. Kesterson, 1885-1889
W. W. Carmical, 1883-1885	J. T. Renfrow, 1889-1889
John Niven, 1885-1889	J. M. Marks, 1889-1890
	J. F. Oaks, 1889-1890

COUNTY TREASURERS

Madison T. McGehee, 1873-1874	Nathan Smith, 1908-1912
Stephen Johnson, 1874-1884	E. L. McLendon, 1912-1919
W. L. Conner, 1884-1886	W. J. May, 1919-1923
Alfred Franklin, 1886-1888	Lennie May, 1923-1925
J. J. Lee, 1888-1894	Mrs. Birdie Holmes, 1925-1929
W. J. May, 1894-1898	Calvin Walker, 1929-1935
Nathan Smith, 1898-1904	Jas. G. Mosley, 1935-1939
W. J. May, 1904-1908	M. W. Reed, 1939--

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COUNTY EXAMINERS OF SCHOOLS

W. R. Wyatt, 1880-1884	David Bradford, 1904-1906
J. D. Overton, 1884-1890	B. Y. Searcy, 1906-1914
J. W. Thompson, 1890-1891	J. P. Snipes, 1914-1916
Walter Holmes, 1891-1893	John H. Harlow, 1916-1919
G. M. Marks, 1893-1894	S. P. O'Neal, 1919-1919
J. D. Stone, 1894-1898	R. C. Carmical, 1930-1933
S. J. Morgan, Jr., 1898-1900	Max M. Smith, 1933-1937
A. J. Brown, 1900-1904	Bennie F. Ryburn, 1937--

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Malcom Currie, 1873-1875	John Niven, 1873-1875
George Gray, 1875-1876	

BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Edward Hobson, 1873-1874	E. H. Moses, 1873-1874
J. N. Taliaferro, 1873-1874	

COUNTY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

T. B. Times, 1890-1895	C. D. Niven, 1890-1895
T. H. Ackerman, 1890-1907	Charles Leali, 1895-1897
Wm. Breathwith, 1895-1897	

CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD

Nathan Smith, 1905-1909	S. F. Huntley, 1918-1919
Lee McLendon, 1905-1909	W. O. Niven, 1918-1921
B. F. Quinn, 1905-1912	G. C. Attwood, 1919-1921
W. B. Seymore, 1909-1915	E. A. McMurtrey, 1919-1927
J. L. C. Thomasson, 1909-1919	W. W. Lea, 1921-1927
Lee McLendon, 1912-1915	M. W. Wilson, 1921-1927
M. M. Smith, 1915-1917	Woodson Mosley, 1927-1931
F. M. Parkman, 1915-1918	J. M. Strait, 1927-1931
J. A. Wilson, 1917-1918	J. H. Atkins, 1927-1931

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SURVEYORS (EX OFFICIO TIMBER INSPECTOR, 1901--)

James N. Marks, 1873-1876	N. B. Chowning, 1890-1896
William P. Wyatt, 1876-1877	M. F. Dial, 1896-1902
W. R. Wyatt, 1877-1882	S. A. Boyce, 1902-1906
J. N. Marks, 1882-1884	J. N. Marks, 1906-1908
James Jewell, 1884-1886	T. E. Watts, 1908-1914
J. G. Culpepper, 1886-1888	S. A. Boyce, 1914-1929
J. W. Marks, 1888-1890	M. W. Wilson, 1929--

COUNTY AGENTS

J. J. Moore, 1907-1911	W. A. Trussell, 1919-1920
J. M. Rains, 1907-1913	Joe Pearce, Jr., 1924-1926
M. E. Elliott, 1911-1913	Don. S. Matheson, 1927-1929
John W. Fearing, 1914-1916	H. S. Hinson, 1930-1936
R. H. Click, 1935-1941	

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Mildred Jones, 1918-1920	Lugenia B. Christmas, 1930-1931
Sallie Mai Hudson, 1919-1921	Sibyl Ptak, 1935-1938
Dollie Randleman, 1924-1925	Harriet Patterson, 1936-1941
Clytice Ross, 1924-1926	Ruth Beam, 1937-1938
Alice M. Carter, 1927-1929	Iva Harness, 1937-1938
Mary Boothe, 1929-1936	Lucille Watson, 1938-1939
Maeda Asbell, 1938-1939	

STENOGRAPHERS

Vasta Mosley, 1935-1937	Almariada White, 1936-1938
Lena Barber, 1937-1941	

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SENATORS

W. S. Amis, 1893-1897	George F. Brown, 1917-1921
F. M. McGehee, 1897-1901	Benj. F. McGraw, 1921-1925
Paul G. Matlock, 1901-1905	James P. Schrimphshire, 1925-1929
W. S. Amis, 1905-1909	Tate McGehee, 1929-1933
Arthur J. Johnson, 1909-1913	A. J. Johnson, 1933-1937
Edgar V. Overman, 1913-1917	J. P. Schrimphshire, 1937-1939
	Richard K. Mason, 1939--

REPRESENTATIVES

R. F. Foster, 1887-1889	Sam P. O'Neill, 1913-1915
W. J. Stanfield, 1889-1891	J. H. Mosely, 1915-1919
Thomas B. Little, 1891-1893	A. J. Blankenship, 1919-1921
R. F. Foster, 1893-1897	Sam P. O'Neill, 1921-1925
J. F. Johnson, 1897-1899	Tate McGehee, 1925-1927
William J. Stanfield, 1899-1903	J. H. Davis, 1927-1931
Euphrates Garrett, 1903-1907	George F. Brown, 1931-1933
R. F. Foster, 1907-1909	O. E. Gates, 1933-1937
George F. Brown, 1909-1913	Max M. Smith, 1937-1941
	O. E. Gates, 1941--

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